

occasioned the Death of One and wounding Others of his Majesty's Subjects and Your Lordship's Tenants - who had been in the house; then the Owner with some of his companions were seized and hurried into the Goals of the Province of Pennsylvania where they now lie.

This Proceeding by Fire and Sword to establish the Bounds which are now in Dispute - before the high Court of Chancery filled us with such terrible Apprehensions, that an immediate Application was made from this Government to the Government of Pennsylvania for their Assistance in discouraging such Violence and bringing the Offenders to condign Punishment, and lest they should escape a just Return for their Wickedness by any Doubt which the Government of Pennsylvania might pretend to entertain of the Place where they ought to be tryed; This Government requested that Government to cause the Offenders to be immediately apprehended in Order that they might be amenable to Justice in such Place as his Majesty should be pleased to direct; but contrary to all reasonable Expectation that Government of Pennsylvania was pleased to decline any Compliance with that Demand by deferring their Apprehension till his Majesty's Pleasure should be signified herein, nor could any Remonstrance from this Government of the Probability of the Offenders Escape and eluding by that means his Majesty's Justice prevail with that Government to alter their Resolution.

We further humbly presume to lay before your Lordship Our Unhappiness in not being able to procure from the Government of Pennsylvania the Release of those unfortunate Sufferers who are still confined in Pennsylvania Goals; This Desire was refused on pretence that Thomas Crisp the Owner of the house had been guilty of a former Murder; and that the Others were present at the aforementioned Confusion where One of his Majesty's Subjects was killed; That Accusation of a former Murder against the Owner of the house will (we humbly hope) appear very extraordinary, when we presume to say, that a Man was killed by the Owner of the house when the very same house was in the night time attacked and broke into some Years ago by another Number of Pennsylvanians; and the Owner in Defence of his house fired a Gun, and shot the deceased in the Leg or Thigh of which Wound he dyed; For this fact the Owner of the house was brought to his Trial in this Province, and the late Governor of Pennsylvania was so sensible of this being the Truth of the Case, that he often declared the Owner of the house ought not to be accountable for that Man's Death.

The Government of Maryland sensible of their Duty to his Majesty and your Lordship for the preservation of Peace amongst his Majesty's Subjects and Your Lordship's Tenants some Years ago proposed to the Government of Pennsylvania; that both Governments should then immediately join in their humble Representation to his Majesty for his Royal Interposition, and in the meantime not only to remove any new Settlers on the Borders, but also to prevent any future Settlements thereon till his Majesty's Commands should be known: Had this been agreed to, our Borders had continued in Peace, and his Majesty's Subjects and Your Lordship's Tenants safe in their Lives and Properties.

Our most Dutiful Attachment to His Majesty and the Law makes us incapable of retaliating those Injuries, but obliges us to have Recourse to Your Lordship, whose utmost Endeavours we are assured will not be wanting on behalf of your Tenants for the preservation of Peace on Our Borders and Tryal of those Violators thereof, in Your Lordship's Province.