

At the Request of the Grand Jury for the County of Kent, we beg leave to lay before your Honours a Representation, and answer to the same.

Kent County April 29 1757  
Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,  
Robert Sanderson Henry  
Esq. Grandy.

To the Honourable Robert Sanderson Henry and Waringfield Ward Esquires, Justices of Assize and of the Peace for and within the County of Kent in the Province of Maryland, the Representatives of the Grand Jury for the County of Kent in the Province aforesaid.

Sheweth That from the Testimony of sundry Witnesses of undoubted Credit who have been sworn to us during our present Meeting, it appears that his Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants as well of this County in General as of Chester Town the Capital of said County in particular, have by two recruiting Parties of Soldiers, one under the Command of Lieutenant Robert Stealing of the 10th Regiment, the other under that of Sergeant James Calder of the 10th Regiment of his Majesty's Foot Soldiers during their Residence the last Winter among us been in many Particulars, and by a great Variety of means grossly insulted and very much abused.

That these Parties have not stopped at insulting and abusing his Majesty's private Subjects but have extended their male Treatment to the personal Injuries and Abuse of the Magistrates themselves while discharging their Duty as such, and have had the Audacity even to insult and abuse Courts of Judicature while sitting pursuant to their Authority to dispense Justice among his Majesty's Subjects of this County and punish Officers committed against the Laws of the whole Community. This Behaviour is very different from that of the two Companies of the Royal American Regiment quartered upon Chester Town during last Winter seems to us to have proceeded from the Party with those recruiting Officers if not to their actual Encouragement to their respective Parties to behave in an disorderly Manner. From the known Character of the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun his Majesty's General upon this Continent we have the strongest Reason to believe that his Lordship cannot approve much less encourage such Disorders either in Officers or Soldiers against his Majesty's loyal Subjects, and as such Behaviour must naturally tend besides oppressing and destroying the Subjects to the alienating their Minds of the People from their Obedience, and thereby to the Hurt and Prejudice of the recruiting Service in particular and his Majesty's Service in General.

We humbly presume to lay this our Remonstrance before your Honours with a brief Account of the several kinds of Abuses which have been proved before us, at the same time humbly requesting that they may be laid before his Excellency our Governor to be by him