

Persons that support themselves by Hunting and among them Men of no Character or Principle It will I am afraid be impossible to prevent ^{such} from going and building Houses or Cabbins beyond the Limits prescribed by the Royal Proclamation unless the Military to the Westward of these Provinces are directed to destroy such Houses and otherwise to punish such Offenders. Should I hear of any Transaction within or in the Neighbourhood of this Province likely to give the Indians any uneasiness I shall immediately advise both General Gage and Sr William Johnson thereof, and will use all means in my Power to prevent the ill Consequences of such Uneasiness and to preserve Peace and Harmony between the Neighbouring Indians and his Majestys Subjects in this Province.

Annapolis December 1766.

Sam^r R.

Hon. Sharpe.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday
the 9th December in the Sixteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion
Anno Domini 1766. Present.

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The Honble Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Daniel Dulany Esq^r and John Ridout Esq^r.

The following Depositions of Thomas Bewles, John Cary and Arthur Charlton were taken before this Board.

Thomas Bewles being Examined and sworn deposes and saith that he understood by Report that there was a Meeting some time in the Month of November of many People at one of the Dutch Houses in Frederick Town to sign a Petition to the Assembly to pass the Journal which was offered to this Parliament to sign which this Deponent objected to being Indecent. by Mr Tho^s Price this Deponent further saith that Cap^t Shelby lodged two or three days in a Private manner at his House in Frederick Town at one of the Adjourned November Courts but that he cannot recollect the precise time that he believes there was no Assembly of Armed Men in Frederick Town before he had heard of Cap^t Shelys Deposition before the Upper House of Assembly collected with a Design to come down to Annapolis in Order to induce the Assembly to pass the Journal. This Deponent further saith that he never heard anything concerning Mr Shelys having defrauded any Person of a Sum of Money due to him for an Indian Scalp except from Col^l Cresap or his Son in Law Inoch Innis or such as had the Story through them. And that he has been long and intimately acquainted with him and does not think him remarkable either for a Profane or swearer, or disturber of the Peace except when in Liquor and that this Deponent hath seen many behave worse, that this Deponent hath had large dealings with Cap^t Shely and always found him Honest.

Sworn before the Governor and
Council 9th December 1766.

T. Bewles

John Cary being Examined deposes and saith that there was a Sort of riotous Meeting of a Number of People at the House of Arthur Charlton in Frederick Town that in their Cups they had formed a Resolution of Marching to Annapolis in Order to intimidate the Assembly so as to induce them to pass the Journal, that expresses, were in Consequence of this sort