Sir

Philadelphia February 4th 1769.

By the Papers enclosed you will find that several riots, which I am informed, were attended with very aggravating Circumstances, have lately been committed in the County of Chester, within this Province, by People who are Inhabitants of Maryland — The delinquents are out of the reach of Our Process, and there is no way of bringing them to Justice but by Your Assistance, for which I the more chearfully apply, from a Persuasion of your good Disposition to promote, and establish an harmony between the two Provinces, and that you will at once see the Propriety of the Application, and the Necessity there is that Neighbouring Governments should concur in their endeavours to Punish the Crimes committed by the borderers on both sides, and I cannot doubt but you will give immediate Orders to the Magistracy of Cecil County, where I am told the Offenders reside, to issue Warrants against them, and when apprehended to cause them to be delivered to the Peace Officers of Chester County, or to hold them to sufficient Securities to appear at that County Court, to Answer the Charges Exhibited against them — at the same time I beg you will be assured, that I shall always think it my Duty, as it is my Inclination, to shew the Utmost respect to any Application, you may at any time have Occasion to make to me —

I am with great Regard, Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Penn.

Governor Sharpe.

Chester County ss. The Grand Inquest for Our Sovereign Lord the King who now is for the Body of the County of Chester upon their Oath and Affirmation respectively do present that Robert Porter late of Chester County Miller Stephen Porter late of the same County Attorney at Law Francis Baker late of the same County Yeoman Jeremiah Baker of the same County Yeoman, James Downey late of the same County Yeoman, James Gallaspy late of the same County Yeoman, Nathaniel Gallaspy late of the same County Yeoman David Earl late of the same County Labourer Andrew Porter late of the same County Yeoman James Maccaleafe late of the same County Labourer James Maccaleafe late of the same County Yeoman, John Cavenah late of the same County Cooper John M'Crackan late of the same County Cooper John Rankin late of the same County Yeoman John M'Cune late of the same County Yeoman James Willson late of the same County Collier, John Carnahan late of the same County Labourer Thomas Porter late of the same County Yeoman James Gammel late of the same County Collar Maker John Carmichael late of the same County Yeoman Robert Brown late of the same County Labourer and divers other Persons to the Grand Inquest unknown on the Twentieth day of August in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and sixty eight at Chester County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of this Court with Force and Arms &c riotously routously and tumultuously and unlawfully themselves did Assemble and gather together with an Intent the Peace of Our said Lord the now King then and there to break and disturb and so then and there being assembled and gathered together the Mansion House of William Reynolds then and there with Force and Arms &c riotously tumultuously and unlawfully did break and enter and sixty Panes of Window Glass of him the said William then and there with Force and Arms &c riotously routously tumultuously and unlawfully did break and destroy and then and there with Force and Arms &c in and upon the said William Reynolds in the Peace of God and of Our said Lord the King then and there being riotously routuously tumultuously and unlawfully an Assault did make and him the said William Reynolds then and there with Force and Arms &c riotously routously tumultuously and unlawfully did Beat Wound and willy treat so that of his Life it was greatly despaired and other Harms to him the said William then and there did to his great Damage and against the Peace of Our said

Lord