

Chester County &c I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Original remaining in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of Chester taken from and compared therewith this thirty first day of January Anno Domini 1769. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, and the Seal of the County aforesaid. — *H. H. Graham Clerk.*

The Denoument of John Jack.

Personally appeared before me William Allen Chief Justice John Jack of London Brittan Chester County Miller and on his Solemn Oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God declares and says that on or about the last day of August Anno Domini 1760. Mark Alexander come to the said John Jack on his own Plantation and threatened to Split the Scull of the said John Jack — That about the 7th of September Anno Domini 1760. Sterrit Gray, Thomas Gray, John Alexander and Benjamin Mason come to the House of John Jack beat and abused him the said John his Wife and two Daughters. — And about the 7th of January 1769. Mark Alexander John Alexander, George Waser William Dickson Matthew Langwell and Thomas Gray came to the Mill of John Jack with Clubs and other unlawful Weapons and after threatening the said Jack turned off the Water from his Mill and threatened to make a fire at the Mill House Door to burn the said Jack out. — *John Jack.*

I sworn before me this 1st of February 1769. Will. Allen.

All but Sterrit Gray and Thomas Gray live in Cecil County Maryland.

Whereupon consideration of the Premises being had, It is the Humble Advice of this Honourable Board that the Attorney General be directed to make Enquiry into the Nature of the Offences, and cause of the Riots complained of, and to Report thereon to his Excellency.

Read the following Letter from Joseph Sim Esq^r to the Honourable Daniel Dulany Esq^r which his Excellency was pleased to Communicate to this Board desiring their Advice thereon. —

January 10th 1769 —

Sir The last Assizes held for Prince Georges County, John Lillis, one of the Deputy Clerks, was presented by the Grand Jury for erasing a Deed from the Records, which was forged and entered on the Record Book by George Hamilton. As I am well acquainted with the whole of this Affair, and know this Mans Innocence, and the great Hardships he Labours under, I have taken the Liberty of troubling You with a particular and full relation of the Transaction, and must request the favour of You to apply to the Governor, in his behalf, that a Stop may be put to any further Proceedings against him, that he may not be obliged to go through the pain of a Prosecution.

At our last August County Court, on Wednesday Evening, Mr. Thomas Sim Esq^r informed me that he had received a Letter from George Hamilton requiring him to copy a Deed with the County Seal and send him, from George Gordon to his Father George Hamilton, for certain Lands therein mentioned, that he had examined the Record of the Deed, and believed it to be forged, and requested me to go with him to the Office and look at it, which I immediately did, and found it to be entered at the End of one of the Land Record Books, the greatest part of it on the inside of the Cover of the Book, it was dated in the Year 1745, and the Deed immediately preceding it, and which finished the Record Book, in the Year 1746. From these suspicious Circumstances, and the freshness of the Writing, I was convinced it was a forgery, Edward Sprigg Junior, then one of the Clerks in the Office, said he believed it to be George Hamiltons Writing, being well acquainted with his Hand, Hamilton having some time before wrote in the Office with him — I then advised Mr. Sim to send for Hamilton, who was in Town, when he came into the Office, I shewed him the Record, and asked him in the Presence of Mr. Sim, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. James Barrance, Thomas Sandsdale, and John Lillis, Clerks in the Office, if he had made that Entry, he replied that he did not nor had ever seen it before. — I endeavoured to persuade him