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Should be Nominated on Each side for making out and running the Lines, agreed on and run as the Boundaries between
the two Provinces and Countys respectively which Boundaries were so particularly and Expressly Described
and set down in the Said Articles that there Seemed no Doubt but that same would have been carried
into Execution according to the True Intent and meaning of the Said Agreement yet so it is
May it please the King that Notwithstanding the Cleanness of the Said Articles the Lord
Baltimore and his Commissioners by Starting the most Unreasonable Objection evaded running
the Lines thereby agreed on for the Boundaries between the Said Provinces and at the Same time
the Said Lord Baltimore and his Deputy Governour set up a Claim to the Lands lying on the South
Side of Susquehanna River near Twenty miles further into the Province of Pennsylvania than the
Boundaries agreed on by the Said Articles; and making use of one Thomas Cresap a Person of Mean
Circumstances and Infamous Character who had taken possession of a piece of Land in Lancaster County
in the Province of Pennsylvania formerly Surveyed under the Proprietaries of the Said Province
to persuade some Innocent German People lately come into Pennsylvania who were Ignorant of our Language
and Constitution to take possession of those lands and acknowledge the Jurisdiction of the Lord Baltimore
Assuring them at the same time of being free from Taxes and that they should have protection from the
Government of Maryland the Said Cresap then proceeded with armed Force to Seize and Survey to
Prison in Maryland Several of our Inhabitants who were Seated upon Lands above Twenty
Miles within the Province of Pennsylvania as well from those Boundaries set by Charles
Lord Baltimore above Fifty years since as from the Boundaries agreed on by his present Lordship
in the Year 1732 and the better to carry on the Design of Maryland the Deputy Governour
of the Said Province vested the Said Cresap with the powers of a Civil Magistrate and dignified
him with a Military Commission furnishing him with a Large Quantity of Fire Arms and
Ammunition whereupon he became Exceedingly Insolent and Oppressive to the Peaceable
Inhabitants of that part of the Country, to put a Stop to which proceedings the Deputy Governour
of Pennsylvania with the Advice of his Council sent persons to the Deputy Governour of
Maryland fully Authorized to Concert Measures for preserving peace and good Neighbourhood
Prejudice to the right of either of the Proprietaries until the Differences should be absolutely
Settled either between themselves or by Due Course of Law but so far was the Deputy
Governour of Maryland from entering into any such pacific Measures that the People of
Pennsylvania then in Prison were prosecuted upon Informations preferred against them
in the Courts of Maryland as having Intruded upon the Lord Baltimores Lands (and as they
call it) against his Lordships peace good rule and Government and Heavy Fines laid
on them, on pretence that they would not own the Authority of the Said Lord Baltimore
and a Surveyor Guarded by Cresap with a Number of Armed men came up into the Shert
of Lancaster County to Survey Lands which had long before been Surveyed and some
of them Seated in right of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania and the Lord Baltimore
and his Deputy Governour still continuing not only to disregard all propositions for
avoiding these Differences and Endeavouring by all means to make void the Said
Articles of Agreement our Proprietaries found themselves Obliged in the year 1735
to Exhibit their Bills of Complaint in the High Court of Chancery of Great Britain
against the Said Lord Baltimore wherein they have set forth their right to the
Lands in Question between them and Said Lord Baltimore which he had in
a Solenn manner Released to him by the Said Agreement made in the Year 1724
and have prayed the Aid of that Honourable Court in compelling the Execution
of the same and thereupon it was hoped that all further Differences concerning the Limits
and Boundaries of the Said Two Provinces would have until that Controversy should be
Determined but Instead of paying regard to the Authority of that High Court the
Deputy Governour of Maryland after Notice of the Suit commenced against
Baltimore lest the Deluded People should thereupon do their militia