

The Lords of the Committee did agree Humbly to report to your Majesty as their Opinion that the
consideration of the said report and petitions should be adjourned until the End of Michaelmas term
then next in order to give an Opportunity to the said John Thomas and Richard Lem to provide
in a Court of Equity to Obtain relief upon the said Articles of Agreement so Invested upon by them
as they should be Advised, and that after the Expiration of the said Time the said party should be
at Liberty to Apply to the Committee of Council for Plantation Office as the nature of the
Case might require; which Report your Majesty was pleased to Approve and order answerable
thereto and to direct that all Persons whom it might Concern were to take notice and Govern
Themselves Accordingly -

This year your Majesty's Royal Notice and Interposition gave Immense Law and Quiet
to every poor Inhabitant on our Borders nor would our Chief Duty to your Majesty suffer
us to entertain the least Apprehension or Distrust that any of your Majesty's Subjects would
be so presumptuous and daring to Break in and Disturb that Tranquillity which your Majesty
had so graciously Taken under your own so Immediate Royal Protection -

But we must Humbly represent to your Majesty -
Although your Majesty was pleased, on the Petition of the Proprietary of Pennsylvania to
consider the Consideration of the report of the Lords for Trade and Plantations till the End of Michaelmas
Term then next, in order to give them an Opportunity to proceed in a Court of Equity to Obtain relief upon
the said Articles of Agreement so Invested upon by them as they should be Advised, yet the Govern-
ment of Pennsylvania very soon after seem'd to Imagine they had a right to Determine by themselves
what your Majesty had so lately given your Royal Directions about and which then was
and still is depending in your Majesty's High Court of Chancery by your Majesty's Royal
Indulgence to the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania -

That Several Germans and Palatinos being arriv'd some time ago in these parts of your
Majesty's Dominion in America made their Applications, and request to this Government for
the Liberty of Sealing and Settling with their Families on Lands within this Province which
Desires this Government not only thought reasonable, but the People so deserving Encouragem-
that Several considerable Quantities of Land lying on the Borders of this Province adjoining
to the Province of Pennsylvania were allotted and assign'd to them for their residence and
Support under the Authority of this Government and Accordingly not less than fifty or
Sixty Families of that Nation Immediately took possession of their Lands and paid their proportion
of the Taxes and Demands themselves in every other respect as peaceable Subjects to your
Majesty and unquestionable Inhabitants and Tenants of this Province until very lately,
when through unweariness and too much Credulity they suffered themselves to be prevail'd
on by the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania under pretence of more than ordinary Advantages
to renounce openly their Submission to this Government and to declare their resolution
to Transfer their Obedience to the Government of Pennsylvania; and in order to Account for
this their extraordinary proceeding they declared their unwillingness to contribute towards
the maintenance of the ministers of the Church of England by Law established in this
Province or to Conform themselves to such Laws and rules for the regulating the Militia
as this Province in their Legislature has thought Expedient and necessary for their Safety
and Defence against any Foreign Enemy which the said Proprietaries among other things
promised they should be entirely freed from in Consideration of their withdrawing their
Obedience from this Government -

So Surprising a Behavior discover'd to be Justified by such pretences, so greatly
alarmed this Government with the Dangerous Consequences which might ensue not only
to this Province, but to every other part of your Majesty's Dominion in America
that they thought their Indispensable Duty required their utmost Care to disperse these
Deluded People, and to make them sensible how much they had misbehav'd themselves
as Subjects to your Majesty; for this purpose the proper Sheriff of the County had orders as well
to demand and Levy on these Inhabitants their just proportion of the Legal Taxes due to this
Province as to apprehend and Secure so many of them as he could find, in order that
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