

They might be forthcoming tomorrow in due course of Law for their misdeemeanor, in attempting to disturb the
Peace of this Province by their unbecomming Disobedience to the Laws thereof, and as this Government was not ignorant
that these unfortunate People had been cruelly Encouraged by some persons daring enough to protect them against
any prosecution therefore the said Sheriff had Discretion to take to his assistance in the Execution of his
Office, some of the Militia of this County, in pursuance of which Command the said Sheriff attended by some
of the Militia repaired to that part of this County, where these Inhabitants resided, there he found them
shut up in a House (which an armed number of men Inhabitants of Pennsylvania had taken possession of
and after his demand of their being Delivered to him was obstinately refused the said Sheriff with the said
Militia departed in a peaceable manner and distrained some few of their goods for their proportion of the

This Conduct of the Government of Maryland we humbly hope will appear in your Majesty's
great Wisdom proper and reasonable but we presume to acquaint your Majesty, that the Government
of Pennsylvania thought it not only to consider it in another light but to make use of it for purposes
Destruction of the Lives and Property of your Majesty's Subjects for that Government under pretence
that those parts of the Country lay to the Northward of a Line mentioned in the agreement now under
the Cognizance of your Majesty's High Court of Chancery to determine whether it should bind
the Lord Proprietary of this Province was pleased to issue a proclamation under a specious Colour
of preserving peace; but really to inflame and Incite the Inhabitants of their Borders (which that
Government then acknowledged was filled with People of more than ordinary Spirit) to the Commission
of Horrid and cruel Violence - - -

It is with the most sensible Concern, May it please your
Majesty that we found those designs of the Government of Pennsylvania had too soon their desired
Effect for Divers of your Majesty's Subjects who had nothing to Support themselves with but
Their Labour and Industry were violently Dragged from their Habitations and thrown into boathorned
Goals to the ruin of their poor Families, and not content with these Violences an armed multitude
pretending to be Inhabitants of the Province of Pennsylvania headed by a Sheriff and a Magistrate
of that Province bore the House of one Thomas Coker who had always held the Land he then
lived on under a Title from the Lord Proprietary of Maryland, acknowledged himself tenant
of that Province and constantly paid his Taxes and Obedience to the same, and acted for some time
peaceably as Magistrate thereof and in further Execution of their pernicious Intentions, these
Outragious People set fire to the House (in which there was then the owner his wife Children
and six other men) and burned the same down to the Ground with all the Effects of the said
Owner to a very considerable Value nor was the Spirit of these Incendiaries allayed by this bold
Violation of your Majesty's Laws, but when the unhappy wretches then in the House endeavored
to save and defend themselves from the Flames and these Merciless men, a continual firing
of Gunns followed which occasioned the Death of one, and wounding others of your Majesty's
Subjects who had been in the House than the owner will. Four of his Companions were seized
and huried into the Goals of the Province of Pennsylvania, where one of them actually perished
for want of Sustenance and the rest now lie - - -

This proceeding by Fire and Sword
to Establish the Bounds which are now in dispute in your Majesty's High Court of Chancery
filled your petitioners as well as other your Majesty's Subjects of these two Provinces with such
Terrible Apprehensions, that an Immediate Application was made from this Government to
the Government of Pennsylvania for their assistance in Discourtenancing such Violence and
Bringing the Offenders to condign Punishment; and lest they should escape a just return for
their wickedness by any doubt which the Government of Pennsylvania might pretend to
retain of the place where they ought to be tryed, this Government requested that your Majesty
to cause the Offenders to be Immediately apprehended in order that they might be arraigned
to Justice, in such place as your Majesty should be pleased to Direct, but contrary to all
reasonable Expectations, the Government of Pennsylvania was pleased to decline any further