

c. s. c. his companions began to abuse this Deponant, and his associates in a very Blackguard manner. Some of the company said, they were a match for us, either with clubs or Guns, and further this Deponent saith not. Charles Bossley.

Sworn to in Council this 20th day of January 1777, before
I. Hall.

[Petition of Charles Gorsuch.]

This Humble Petition to the Honourable Council of Safety, setting at the City of Annapolis, Maryland.

Sheweth. That I your Honours most humble petitioner having been by sundry honest and good characted persons, resideing in and about this neighborhood, advised to acquaint your Honours of the late proceedings of a certain James Bosley, his most rash and inhuman usage, within the confines of my own lands and possessions and upon my own son. Gentleman, last seeding time this said James Bosley came (with a company of men with guns, himself haveing pistols and a sword) upon my plantation, and interrupted my people from work, violently pricking or striking my son in five sundry places in the temples, in the throat, close under his eye, and twice in his belly, my son retreating for to secure his life from such eminent peril, picking up a small stick which lay on the ground, the said James Bosley swore if that he advanced one step forward he would blow his brains out, after this with his company they forced my children and servants out of my own possessions and sowed wheat therein himself, and Gentlemen since this I have legally got these possessions then disputed by the said James Bosley, and gentlemen he lies bound over to the Peace, tho he carries those or such armes wherewith he acted with such violence weapons Gentlemen which I think becomes men of valour haveing cool heads, being steady, virtuous and of an honest principle This and more Gentlemen I could affirm with truth, And I leave it with submission to your Honours Council to judge whether it be reasonable that this said James Bosley should be allowed to carry such weapons as those or not.

I remain your Honours Submissive Petitioner. ^{his mark}
Charles Gorsuch Sen^r C. G.

[Gerrard Hopkins to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Baltimore January 29th 1777.

I wrote you some days past that Mess^{rs} Vanbibber and Crockett had disposed of the Ticklenburg you desired I would get, and have made into tents immediately. M^r Crockett not