

Lib. M. His Excellency lays before this Board the following Depositions taken before Robert Gordon Esq<sup>r</sup> One of His Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court the fifth Day of this Instant February

The Deposition of Thomas Cresap of Baltimore County  
Planter Aged about Thirty One Years

p. 100 This Deponent being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on Tuesday the Twenty Ninth Day of January last about two Hours within Night, a Considerable Number of Men (some of them this Deponent heard Declare there were fifty) Came on horse back & on foot to this Deponents house and Ordered the Door to be Opened, and some of them Swearing that if he Did not Immediately open the Door and Surrender himselfe to them they would Oversett the House, others that they would Burn it and the People in it. That this Deponent being Apprehensive that the said persons Intended to do him some Mischief Barred and Secured his Doors in the best manner he could, that some of the said Persons Attempted to pull some of the Clap boards off this Deponents house, And with an hand spike or some other Instrument forced the Door off the hinges & Endeavoured forceable to get in. That this Deponent Discharged a Gun amongst them after they had forced the Door off the Hinges. That afterward some of them got by force into this Deponents house, and one of them Assaulted him, and that he verily believes that one John Hendrick a neighbour of this Deponents & his Servants were among the said Persons, And this Deponent further Deposeth and Saith that one of the said Persons had like to have killed a Young Child in this Deponents house, and that he [is] afraid of being Murthered in his house by the meanes or procurement of the said John Henderick. That one Ross an Inhabitant of Donegall one John Nicholls of Prince Georges County & William Linville were among the said Persons. That some of them were Armed That one of them Dropt a Pistol near this Deponents Door w<sup>ch</sup> one of the People in the house with this Deponent took up, and which Pistol one of the Persons who came in the Violent manner before mentioned to this Deponents house Attempted to discharge into this Depon<sup>ts</sup> house against this Deponent or some of the People who were with him in his house, That this Deponent Talking with the said Hendrick some time since in a friendly manner desired him to take up his Land under the Lord Baltimore and live peaceable. To which the said Hendrick Answered that he valued not the Lord Baltimore, for that he the said Hendrick