

U. H. J. erties and Properties of his Majestys subjects inhabiting in the Neighbourhood of the Province of Pensilvania.

p. 23 When artful Encroachments under the Authority and Countenance of that Government into Your Ldps Province became so frequent, that it was necessary for your L^{dps} Governor to take some Notice of them; then Open force and Violence were applied to support those who had gained possessions by a silent Intrusion, and to encourage Others not only in illegally dispossessing, but even in imprisoning many Persons who held their Estates under Your Lordships Grants, with a Design of intimidating such who might oppose any of their unwarrantable Attempts of wresting from Your Lordship what was granted by the Royal Charter

Repeated Instances were made to the Government of Pensilvania by your Lordps Governor in Order to put a Stop to such Measures, which might have been very well foreseen were likely to be attended with some of such fatal Consequences as happened to the Life of One of his Majestys Subjects, who, accompanied by several Others under the Countenance of the Pensilvania Magistrates and Officers of Justice, in the middle of the night most outrageously with Pistols and other Arms beset and broke into the house of another of his Majestys Subjects, a constant reputed Inhabitant of this Province, and whose Possessions then were and still are under the Grant and Protection of this Government

Such Extremes made it the more necessary for your Lordships Governor to endeavour the Preservation of Peace and Tranquillity amongst his Majestys Subjects, and that no Objection might be made under Pretence of any Interruption to those desireable Ends
p. 24 from the Behaviour of any in this Province, or from the Uncertainty of the Bounds and Confines of the two Provinces; Your Lordships Governor made Proposals to the Government of Pensilvania to continue Every Inhabitant quietly and peaceably in their old Possessions, to remove any new Settlement and by mutual Proclamations discourage any further Encroachm^{ts} by Settlements, and to injoyn the Observance of such Accommodation under severe Penalties until his Majesty should be pleased to give other Directions therein; and to make their joint humble Representation to his Majesty for that Purpose: These Offers were so reasonable and so frequently made, that We must beg Leave to express Our Surprize and Concern to find they were as often either rejected or evaded

As these pacifick Overtures to prevent further disturbances on Our Borders had so little Effect; Your Lordship most justly presented your Petition to His most sacred Majesty for royal Interposition in what affected the undoubted bounds of your Lordships Province: With Pleasure We received the Account of his Majestys Commands thereon, and we then could not doubt but that during the Times of Reference of your L^{dps} Petition by his Majestys Orders,