To His Excellency Samuel Spriggs Esquire Governor of Maryland

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The Undersigned Citizens of Allegany County Respectfully Represent, That on 14th instant a Rencounter took place between John V Cresap, Son of Robert Cresap of this County and William Dunwoody, which unfortunately terminated in the death of the latter it will be seen by a copy of the Inquisition, which accompanies this application, that the Jury have omitted to assign any definite, legal character to the conduct of John V Cresap in the transaction, leaving the public mind in doubt as to his Guilt or innocence. This omission on the part of the Jury, we are persuaded, must have originated from their not having before them all the circumstances which preceeded and followed the Event.

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Since the taking of the said Inquisition the true character of this transaction has been made known by the testimony of several persons of the highest Respectability, whose depositions are hereto annexed. These depositions clearly shew that the course pursued by John V Cresap was dictated by necessity and not the result of choice. he had no alternative the death of Dunwoody was essential to the preservation of his own life

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