

**To the Citizens of Annapolis, Januarz 11, 1775. A hand-bill for the most infernal and dastardly purpose, of glutting private revenge with the sacrifice of a few individuals, is now industriously circulated in a particular part of this country ... [Signed] A Citizen, [Annapolis, Printed by Frederick Green, 1775]**

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A HAND-BILL for the most infernal and dastardly purpose, of glutting private revenge with the sacrifice of a few individuals, is now industriously circulating in a particular part of this county. The shameless author of this paper, *bankrupt* as he is both in fortun? and reputation, and whose very existence depends on public convulsion, after urging every topic, that can possibly inflame madness the minds of those to whom he addresses himself, concludes with a *mock recommendation* to REFRAIN FROM PERSONAL OUTRAGE. But, I trust the inhabitants of this city know him too well to be lur'd into security by his *tender mercy*. I trust they will to a man associate and sign their names mutually to defend each other at the hazard of their lives. A respectable body I know, of gallant men are determined to convince the world that they hold their peace and happiness by the precarious tenure of no man's will and pleasure. Are we to crouch and tremble whenever this russian in his moody fits thinks proper to threaten us with the vengeance of the Elkridgers? (for to them alone I am informed he has sent his dispatches) God forbid! If the gentlemen of Elkridge do not see the affront that is offered them, if they are not stung at being held forth by this son of distraction as a band of bravoës, into whose hands he can at any time put a dagger or a torch, to destroy the lives and properties of those he hates or *fears*, it is time to look to ourselves. I call upon you therefore my fellow citizens to meet, and consult the means of repelling force by force; a same submission will invite a repetition of insults: one man is the object of vengeance to day, another will be to-morrow, until at length your title, even to breathe the common air, will be disputed.

A CITIZEN