

Letter Bk. I. tain Head of Potowmack & is to be desired if you could obtain said Latitude of $39^{\circ} 56'$ & His Lordship will even then be a considerable looser according to his First grant nor will you p. 2 then be within 15 Miles of Philadelphia altho' to the Northw^d of the Latitude thereof.

It is impossible to fix how far North would be a good Boundary for Maryland on Account of the uncertainty of the Draughts and impracticability of making observations and remarks necessary for that Advice. I can only say what you know that the more Northw^d the Better.

The Council came to this Resolution—namely That as so much will depend on a Northern Line drawn from the Middle or any other Point of an East and West Line across the Peninsula That the most Adviseable Step is to have a due North Line run from the Middle of the East & West Line already run from Fenwicks Island to Taylors Island by which this Board will be better enabled to consider what divisional Line may Affect the Heads or Navigable Waters of our Rivers or it's intersection with any East & West Line which may be intended for a Northern Boundary to this province and a Southern one to Philadelphia.

This scheme M^r Emery has already been endeavouring to execute by M^r Jennings order and has proceeded (beginning at the Middle of the said Line from Fenwicks Island) North to the Latitude of Bohemia River which River he says— His due North Line leaves a litle to the West as it does also the Navigable part of Sassafra. I sent for this Surveyor to hear what information He could give me and what was his opinion of the North Line if continued He says that he believes it will be West of the 12 miles circle but shall be able to say exactly in a Month if not obstructed by the Pensilvanians who I am informed threaten any one they can catch with any such design on their settlements with Imprisonments, which M^r Emery is under great apprehensions of, but returned Yesterday to prosecute his work according to the order of Council. What I have said above is all I have been able to learn of this Affair but could wish that no Articles be agreed on at least till M^r Jennings arrival who will be able to bring you the plan (which M^r Emery begun by his order) compleated. I have sent for M^r Cressop who lives near Lord Fairfaxes Territories that I may be well informed of the Boundarys on that side which I shall take the first opportunity of communicating. As it is doubtfull whether M^r Emery could run a Line of such a length without considerable Variation from his meridian (having only a small pocket compass to direct him) You will think it proper to word any Articles so as to secure the said Rivers and make it an Article That if the said North Line happens to be a