

two Provinces viz^t Col^o Benj^a Tasker, Ben^t Calvert Esq^r Col^o Rob^t Jenkins Henry M^r Bordley the Attorney Gen^l the Rev^d M^r Alex^r Malcolm & M^r Iohn Leeds. Did I think that either Philip Thomas Esq^r or Col^o W^m Goldsborough would be able to attend I should mention them but as neither of those Gentⁿ have lately enjoyed the best Share of Health I am afraid they would not be able to undergo the Fatigue, however if there was to be a Blank left in the Commission & a Power given me to do so I could insert their Names here in case they should be perfectly recovered before the Agreement is carryed into Execution. As there is not one Gentleman in the Council that has devoted much of his time to the Study of the Mathematicks I thought proper to mention M^r Malcolm & M^r Leeds who are supposed to be a little acquainted with those matters but at the same time I doubt not but there are much greater Proficients to be found at Phila^a where this Science is pretty much studied. The Copy of the Minutes (of the Proceedings of the Commissioners that were appointed to run the Line from Fenwix's Island) that you sent me has been shewn to M^r Ross who was one of them, he says he believes it is a true Copy of the Original Minutes but as neither he nor any other of the Maryland Commissioners kept one he cannot swear that this is an exact Copy. I am astonished that neither those Minutes nor the Affidavits that are said to have been taken by the Commissioners with regard to Vessels having sailed between Taylors Island & the Main Land were entered in the Council Records the Reason that M^r Tasker M^r Calvert & M^r Ross give for their not being recorded is that every Thing was left to M^r Iennings who sent home both originals & Duplicates & they say the original Papers are most certainly lodged in the Chancery Office. As there will be a very considerable Expence occasioned by running those Lines whenever His Ldp & the Proprietaries of Pensilvania shall issue a Commission for that purpose it will be necessary that His Ldp give an Instruction to the Agent to pay such Sums as the Commissioners may with the Governor's Approbation draw for to defray the Expence of the Commissioners & other incidental Charges. I find by the Conclusion of Your Letter that His Ldp is much dissatisfied with Colo Lloyds Remissness & Neglect & is thorouly convinced that his Interest suffers greatly because Col^o Lloyds own extensive Business engrosses too much of his time & Attention. You likewise say that His Ldp being determined to put the management of his Affairs into other hands requires me to consider of this Matter & to mention some Persons that may with real security be appointed to succeed him. If His Ldp will have an Agent appointed on each Side the Bay Philip Thomas Esq & Col^o

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