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ascertain by Astronomical Observations the Point from which the Northern Boundary or due East & West Line is to be run we shall when we meet to consider that part of the Business endeavour to act agreeable to his Advice & Opinion; in the mean time I am to inform you that as the Pennsylvania Comm^{rs} when we met at Newcastle the 15th of last month insisted on our setting the Surveyors to Work again in order to describe a Tangent we agreed that they should be ordered to proceed in the manner directed by the inclosed Instruction. When the Surveyors have executed such our Orders we are you will observe to represent to our Constituents what has been done by us in pursuance of their Commissions & after what manner it has been done so that His Ldp & the Proprietors of Pennsylv^a may if they think fit in order to avoid farther Expence settle the matter some how or other between themselves & not permit us to be for ever attempting to run a Mathematically true Tangent which perhaps can hardly be described upon Paper. I hope however that since the Surveyors must now finish the Business they are upon you will not come to any Conclusion with the Mess^{rs} Penns with regard to the Establishment of any Boundary in the stead of a true Tangent untill you shall receive from me a Copy of the Surveyors Minutes which perhaps may not reach you till late in the Winter. The Pennsylvania Gentⁿ having made a Point of our Attending them again this Fall we have agreed to meet the 20th of Oct^r at a Place on Sassafrass River called George Town notwithstanding I expect it will be very inconvenient for us to do so as our Assembly is to meet here the Beginning of that Month which is the only time they could conveniently meet to do Business by reason that the Provincial Court will sit the three last weeks of next Month & in November the Lawyers would be obliged to attend their Business in the several County Courts. As it will for this reason be impossible for our Commissioners to go to Phila^a in Oct^r & the Penns^a Gentlemen seem to insist that the next Thing to be done is the ascertaining a Point fifteen Miles due south from Philadelphia I imagine nothing more will be done with regard to the Dividing Lines this year besides what the Surveyors are now upon, & before we can proceed in the Spring it is to be hoped that His Lordship & the Proprietors of Pennsylvania will send a Person or two from England to go on with the Work & prevent the exorbitant Expence & Disagreement which the frequent Meetings of the Commissioners seems likely to create. In Consequence of His Lordship's pleasure signified to me I have advised old M^r Key of his being appointed a Member of the Council & shall when he comes hither next month to the Provincial Court introduce him to