

the East Indies, men return with half & whole millions a 100000 man call'd moderate. the Price of Land so rise tis common now to sell & to have double income by money interest.

[Cecilius Calvert to Horatio Sharpe]

London Jan<sup>y</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> 1765.

Sir.

I have answered by former Letters some concerns of Your Letters received from you since August last, and now inclose you his Lordships Instructions to the main points of your desires. The Instructions of the Sale of the Manor Lands, The Purchase Money is from Opinion of M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dulany to My Lord, the Quit Rent proposed. five shillings pro rato hundred Acres, as these Lands are pick'd Lands is judged moderate; if these propositions are Errors? Yours and the Gentlemens Judgements will rectify here such Error, which You'l receive by return.

The Instruction of the Alienation Fine is what the Proprietor will adhere to, as founded upon undoubted Equity his Due; a Tryal here before the Lord Chancellor would evince that. By intelligence from the Province, M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd is accused of neglect of the Alienation Fine in suffering the County Clerks omissions in Acc<sup>ts</sup> non-payment, this is easily rectified as the Provincial County Courts where such matter must stand Recorded can prove Evidently the wrong, if true. the Clerks deserve no favour; I have admonished M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd thereon, when you meet, hint to him as from hence. The Instruction to Attornment of Tenants in the disputed Parts, the Equitable Terms must facilitate their attornment, the Limit Lines when compleated, by Petition of both Parties to the King will receive His Majesty's Authority as fixed Boundaries between Maryland and Pensilvania to each, as to Dominion. By your Letters of the Limits now running, the Mess<sup>ts</sup> Mason and Dixon the Mathematical Surveyors have carry'd on their operations Quietly; I learn from you and them the Tangent Line twelve miles West of the Circle round the New Castle City is finished from the Meridian Line South from Fenwick Island. My Compl<sup>ts</sup> to them for their intelligence; and am glad to hear of their health, and that the Swamps of Nanticoke River has not hurt their Constitutions, their next operation is the North West Line between the Provinces, it is there his Lordships Gain will compensate his Loss by the Tangent Line at the Circle round Newcastle, that North West Line truly run, will give advantageous Territory to Maryland, therefore, Watching Eyes must trace that Line