

Many of them. I have heard it urged that there is the same  
reason why Saylor's Island should be considered as Part of the Land  
over which the East & West Line ought to be run that there is why  
James' Island should be so considered, & that as the Commissioners be-  
gan to run the Line from the Easternmost Shore of the latter it ought  
to be terminated by the Westernmost Shore of the former, or of James' Island  
as it might happen to fall; but this Argument is no longer even specious  
when it be known that the Parcel of Land which is called by the Name  
of Benwick's Island is in fact no Island but Part of the Main Land as  
Mr Emory informed me some time ago when I was talking with him on this  
subject. It is supposed, nay I believe, the Map that was transmitted to you  
by the Governor some time since will show, that if the Divisional Lines  
be run according to the Articles of Agreement as the Lord Hardwick ex-  
plained them, a Navigable Part of one of the Branches of Nanticoke will  
fall in Sussex County, & should that be the Case it cannot be doubted but  
the People who live contiguous will carry on a Trade without paying the  
Maryland Duties just as the Owners of Virginia Vessels that take in their  
cargoes from the Southern Shore of Potowmack do at present: This indeed they  
will do in Spight of any Agreement or Promise that the Messrs Penn  
may make to restrain them, & once such a Trade is opened, it must be expected  
that a considerable Part of the Eastern Shore Tobacco will be carried to ex-  
ported from the Head of Nanticoke in Pensilva Bottoms, the Masters of which  
will be entered and cleared by the Port Officer that resides at Lewis Town on  
Chawase Bay. I take the Liberty to inclose the two last Gazette that  
have been printed here, wherein are some Accounts of the late Motions &  
present Situation of the Troops that are employed under the Command of Bri-  
adier General Forbes on an Expedition against Fort Duquesne, which place  
is hoped & indeed generally expected they will have made themselves Masters of  
by the End of this Month. You will see, that the General arrived at  
the Landing about the time that the Governor set off for Fort Cumberland,  
& I much question whether he has been yet able to reach Praes Town or  
indeed