

Copy of a Letter to Lord Baltimore Dated 5 June 1771.

transmitted under Cover to Mr Stanbury

My Lord,

I received not long ago the Letter Your L<sup>ty</sup> did Me the honor  
to write last Year from Wernberg but as the Month was omitted I don't  
know how long the Letter had been on its Way, Your L<sup>ty</sup> will now  
however be pleased to accept my Thanks for it, & my best Wishes for the  
continuance of Your Health, of which I with pleasure hear You have  
for sometime enjoyed a pretty good share. In answer to that part of Your  
L<sup>ty</sup> Letter where You say that You understand there was some Land which  
I was desirous of but that You had not been informed where it lay I must  
beg leave to put Your L<sup>ty</sup> in mind that in consequence of Your L<sup>ty</sup> In-  
clinations to reserve more Lands in the Province by Way of Manours a  
Reserve was a few Years ago laid on a large Tract 96610 Acres lying  
beyond Fort Cumberland extending from Potowmack to the Dividing  
Line - Northward & Westward so far as to include the Eastern Ridges of the  
Alegony Mountains, the Reason given for laying a Reserve on so large a  
Tract was that the good Land did not lay contiguous but in parcels inter-  
spersed with a good deal of hilly broken & barren Land & that it might be at  
Your L<sup>ty</sup> Choice to have one or more Manours laid out within such large  
reserved Tract. There was also at the same time a Tract of 2624 Acres  
surveyed & reserved for Your L<sup>ty</sup> farther to the Westward on the Branches of  
Yoghogany River. In the Spring of 1760 Three other Tracts lying among the  
Branches of the Yoghogany were surveyed as Manours for Your L<sup>ty</sup> &  
Plats thereof returned to the Land or Revenue Office viz One Tract containing  
17750 Acres, Another 6030 Acres & the Third 14450 Acres. When I was giving  
to understand by Mr Hamersley's Letter dated in July 1760 that Your L<sup>ty</sup> did  
not desire to hold so much Land in the Nature of Manours but were rather  
inclined to patent most of it reserving a Quit Rent I in a Letter to Your  
L<sup>ty</sup> bearing Date the 30 Nov: 1760 wrote as follows "If that is the Case viz  
that Your L<sup>ty</sup> chooses to part with those Lands I will if Your L<sup>ty</sup> please give  
the usual Caution Money for either of the small Tracts every probably other  
Persons may be found to take up the Rest if Your L<sup>ty</sup> is willing to part with  
it on the same Terms." This Letter of mine might not perhaps have reached  
Your L<sup>ty</sup> before You left England but in that Case I presume Mr Hamersley  
forwarded it to You; What I meant by the part of it which I have  
quoted was that if Your L<sup>ty</sup> should choose to sell those Tracts of uncultivated  
Land on the usual Terms of Vacant unimproved Land viz 5<sup>s</sup> 100 Acres  
Caution Money four shillings 100 Acres Quit Rent I would be glad to  
have the presumption of One or two of the small Tracts, to be granted to  
Me by One Patent; & if Your L<sup>ty</sup> please to accept my Offer to give a year