

both agreed to meete the sixteenth of October next following, in order to take observation for the ascertainment of the fortieth degree of northern latitude; the said Markham having promised, and assured the Lord Baltimore, that he would send to New York to borrow of one Col. Lewis Morris there a sextile of six or seven foot radii, being the only fit instrument that could be heard of. Captain Markham meeting with a long passage up Chesapeake Bay writes to the Lord Baltimore, that he could not possibly attend the sixteenth as had been agreed on, but desired it might be on the twenty sixth of October. But soon after that, came another letter from Captain Markham, wherein he gave the Lord Baltimore advice, that he was relapsed, and soe ill that he should not be able to attend the business of the bounds till the Spring. Whilst the said Markham was said to be thus ill, many reports were given out by the friends (vulgarly called Quakers) both of Maryland, as well as those of Pennsylvania, that the degree of forty northerly latitude would be as lowe as Pooles Island in the Bay of Chesapeake; and it seems that Mr Pen had bin so far possessed therewith, that he made bold to write a letter dated the sixteenth of September (1681.) and directed the same to James Frisby, Edward Jones, Augustine Herman, George Oulfield, Henry Ward and Henry Johnson, at their Plantations in Pennsylvania; for soe was the letter superscribed, the contents of which being, that as he was confident, and ready to beleve they were within his bounds they should not pay any more taxes, or sessments by any Order or law of Maryland &c. This letter soe alarmed the Inhabitants of Baltimore and Cecell Countys, that they immediately refused paying their levys, which had bin assessed by a Law past but two months afore this happened. Notice hereof being given to the Lord Baltimore, and his Councill orders were immediately issued out to the military Officers of the said Countys to assist the respective Sheriffs in the due execution of their office, and with great difficulty it was that some of the inhabitants were made to comply with the then Publick leavy; tho' the parties to whom that letter was particularly directed, gave little credit to it, being confident that Mr Pen had been misinformed, as it will sufficiently appeare, both he, and many others have been in relation to the fortieth degree of northern latitude. The trouble and indeed sedition that the said letter had occasioned for some little time, made the Lord Baltimore judge it absolutely necessary to have the bounds speedily fixt; but Captain Markham was said to have a tertian Quartan ague, soe that the Lord Baltimore could not procure the settlement of the bounds, as he then desired; some time after this, reports came down to the Lord Baltimore, that one William Haig a Quaker,