

Pen to the place, where the friends meeting was to be that day, and there took his leave and parted with the said Penn, who the next day went to a general meeting at Choptank river in Talbot County, where the Lord Baltimore had ordered Colonel Philæmon Lloyd and his Major with some horsemen to waite on the said Pen in his returne, This is what past between the Lord Baltimore and William Pen who by agreement are to meete some time in March next for the finding out the degree of forty, northerly latitude. The King's letter which M^r Pen delivered at the Conference to the Lord Baltimore, bearing date the 19th day of August 1682. in the foure and thirtieth yeare of His Majestie's reign makes mention of an admeasurement of two degrees according to the usuall computation of sixty miles to a degree to be the best, and certaine method of setting forth and ascertaining the boundaries between Maryland and Pensilvania; but the Lord Baltimore humbly conceiving that His Majestie had received some misinformation touching the bounds of his Province, did, at the Conference, produce his Pattent, and the bounds of the same were read to M^r Pen, and the Gentlemen, then at the Board; After which M^r Pen proposed, as a more equall way for him, and the Lord Baltimore to take their comēcement from the Capes which (as the said Pen affirmed) lay in thirty seaven degrees, and five minutes, and that having bin received for a long time to be the true latitude of the capes, and by which masters of shippes have governed themselves would be as well for the Lord Baltimore, as the said William Pen. Urging that an uncertainty of soe long standing would be better than to runn into new errors, which discourse of M^r Pens seemed to shew a jealousie in him, and not to carry much reason with it, or which many of the Gentlemen, then present, imagined rather proceeded from an unwillingness to have the bounds ascertained the surest, and most certaine way, which, as the Lord Baltimore had often urged might be by a sextant of six, eight or tenn foote, diameter, which being large and fixt in a frame, and the frames standing sure upon firme ground, must by all Artists be held a more certaine way of taking an observacōn, then by a small sea quadrant, and that held up by the hand, which is always in motion, and the persons perhaps aboard a ship who tooke the latitude of the capes; where there was the shaking of the hand and error in the Instrument besides the unskillfullness & ignorance of those observators against which M^r Pen spoake soe much; But in a fixt Instrument of the Diameter abovesaid and that set in a frame on firm land a certain observation may be taken, and that with out the help of an horrison, and this M^r Pen it's beleevd knew well enough to be the surest way; but he having been misinformed as to the