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degree of forty northerly latitude (which he was assured would fall lower than Saxafra river in the Bay of Chesapeake as by their false mapps appeare, and having assured his friends, and particularly those of his late Society for Trade, that all the head of the said Bay would fall within Pensilvania) is now unwilling to have the truth discovered. For whilst M<sup>r</sup> Pen and his friends were kept in their said error about the degree of forty then the Lord Baltemore was prest to have an observacōn taken, and His Majestie's commands in the first letter of the second of Aprill 1681. complied with; but that first letter not serveing the turn another was procur'd upon as great a misinformation to His Majesty as could be given. And it will also appeare that upon such blind observations as are usually taken by masters of shippes (who often times are noe more artists than just to saile their shippes to porte by guesse) these great mistakes have risen. For M<sup>r</sup> Pen did owne to the Lord Baltemore, that both His Majestie and the Lords of the Council were assured that New Castle lay seaven, eight or tenn miles to the northward of the fortith degree northerly latitude, whereas M<sup>r</sup> Pen, his deputy William Markham and the chiefe of the friends (called Quakers) have since owned that New Castle lyes some miles to the southward of that degree. Now, whereas the said Pen desires to have an admeasurement from the Capes, to the degree of forty, offering that as the most equall way 'Tis well knowne, that that can never be effected by reason the wayes from the Capes to Watkins Point are not passable, there being not only waters to pass over, but likewise such rotten grounds, as noe person can gett thro; and from Watkins Point (the Lord Baltemore's south bounds) there are severall large rivers to crosse over, besides that a due north line will crosse Chesapeake Bay towards the upper part thereof, and for these reasons (were there noe other) those offers and proposalls of M<sup>r</sup> Pen to the Lord Baltemore can never be comply'd with, and soe consequently the degree of forty must be taken as the Lord Baltemore, at the Conference, did propose.

(Endorsed)

Delaware. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1682.

Conference between my Lord Baltemore and M<sup>r</sup> Pen.

A Conference held between the right Honor<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Baltemore Proprietor of Maryland and William Pen Esq<sup>re</sup> Proprietary of Pensilvania at the house of Colonel Thomas Tailer on the ridge in Ann Arrundell County Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 1682. Viz<sup>t</sup>

William Pen Esq<sup>re</sup> declares in a very florid manner his reall and hearty inclinations to maintaine and keepe a neighborly and friendly correspondence with his Lopp. and the people of