

this Province that it was not the ambition of Government or Dominion that flatter'd him into these parts of the world but meerely to secure his owne that moved him to come into this Country which since it was his fortune he well enough liked and shall study all wayes and meanes imaginable to approve himselfe a good Neighbor he then produces a letter from the King to the Lord Baltmore as a foundation or introduction to their further discourse.

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His Ldp having read the letter answers vizt:

L<sup>d</sup> Baltmore His Majestie's letter I receive with all respect and with that sense of my duty as becomes me but by the purport of this letter I conceive His Majesty hath received some misinformation for the cleering of which I have here not only a cobby of mine but a Transcript of your Pattent by both which we must be governed I having for my northern Bounds the fortieth degree of northern latitude which by your Pattent is your Southern bounds as Watkins point is mine.

His Lopp then reads the Bounds in the Pattent.

W. Pen Esq<sup>re</sup> By my Petition to the King I craved five degrees northward the Lords told me it was a great deale of land that my Lord Baltmore had but two to which I replyed that the difference was vastly great on my Lord Baltmore's side as for its position being richly accomodated with the Bay on both sides and severall faire navigable rivers and Creeks &c. and my reason for soe great a quantity was not out of a covetous humour but only that I might reach the lake of Cannada for the conveniency of an inlett to my Province to which they gave their opinion that I should be answerd to that by having a passage in this Bay but if the Lord Baltmore will stand to and abide by the literall sense of his Pattent, then I think we must lay aside the King's letter untill we shall have first considered the grants and reasons of our Pattents—If the Lord Baltmore will take thirty seaven and half degrees for thirty eight and soe runn on to forty being halfe a degree of difference I think it is considerable and had I covetted to have taken my comencement from Watkins Point as the Lord Baltmore is allowed I had possibly gained more considerably but confident that he would not endeavor to deprive me of anything that might conduce to my benefitt without any great prejudice to himselfe I was contented to begin where the Lord Baltmore ended being firmly and stedfastly resolved to approve myself his good neighbor and give him the right hand of fellowship and it shall be the Lord Baltmore's fault and not mine if there be not as faire and amicable Correspondence between the two Provinces as between any united Provinces whatsoever but if His Majestie's letter must be waved we must proceed moderately to argue the grounds and reasons of our Pattents and waite