

P. R. O. Colonial Papers. the King's leisure for a further interpretation of his grant to me.

Lord B. It was never my intentions nor indeed in my thoughts to deprive M<sup>r</sup> Pen of anything that might conduce to his benefit soe as the same may not tend greatly to my prejudice and what M<sup>r</sup> Pen means by a comēcement from Watkins Point I understand not but sure I am that had his Pattent given him his comēcement anywhere to the southward of the fortieth degree of northern latitude he had deprived me of soe much of my right which yet I beleeve M<sup>r</sup> Pen never desired nor coveted But M<sup>r</sup> Pen you seem a little unkind in having proposed any deniall of mine to what you offered and for any kindness you may reasonably expect from me I think it not soe well timed let but the line be first layd out thereby to ascertain to each of us his propper and just bounds and then lett it be seen whether I shall deny M<sup>r</sup> Pen any neighborly kindness within my power.

W<sup>m</sup> Pen. The King it's true did command the laying out the line between us but if for a more ready way of accomodacōn to us both he hath thought fitt to make other proposalls I cannot tell why they may not be taken into consideracōn but I shall concede and wave that letter wholly makeing this further offer The Capes for several years have bin reputed to lye in the latitude of thirty seaven or between thirty seaven degrees and five minutes or thereabouts and hath bin soe generally taken and approved on by all persons for some considerable space of years and by which calculation all ships and Vessels have proceeded on their Voyages before such time as either intrest or prejudice could sway them on the one side or the other soe then if the Lord Baltemore please to take his comēcement from the Capes which has bin generally and of soe long continuance reputed to lye in thirty seaven degrees and five minutes and from thence measure by line two degrees fifty five minutes will just reach to the fortieth degree.

Lord B. My Pattent gives me the fortieth degree of northern latitude for my northern bounds and there is noe way soe certaine to find that as by an observacōn to be taken by a sextant of six or seaven foote radies and such an Instrument you have belonging to Colonel Lewis Morris of New York besides your comēcement by your Pattent is given at the fortieth degree of northern latitude.

W<sup>m</sup> Pen. Then I shall only say we will wave and wholly lay aside the King's letter at this time if the Lord Baltemore will begin at thirty seaven and a halfe insted of thirty eight he will then indeed have more than was designed for him I therefore offer as a medium between us the more easily to accommodate this matter let the Lord Baltemore first begin at the antient