

and generally reputed and knowne place of thirty seven degrees and five minutes and thence with a direct line to forty what falls then within his bounds much good may it doe him I am contented and doubt not but he is soe worthy and soe much a Gentleman as not to endeavor to deprive me of anything shall appeare to be within my Grant, This I say I offer onely to lett the Baltemore know that altho' I am sensible the King's letter is grounded upon strong presumption and sound circumstance yet I am willing to wave that and accomodate the business between us a more equal way as I conceive viz. to comence at the common, generall and soe long reputed know place before either the Lord Baltemore or myselfe could challenge any interest in these parts of the world.

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Lord B. It is other discourse that I expected to have heard from you at this time and well hoped I should have bin soe far favored by you as to have received some small advice from you before you had soe far proceeded upon that part of the Country which has bin always reputed and knowne to be justly claimed by me but to wave that I desire to be informed by you whither you have purchased the Dukes pretentions to Delaware.

W^m Pen. Upon tearmes of the moiety of halfe the revenues thereof to be reserved for himselfe I hold it of his gift but this leads to other discourse I would willingly proceed first to the ascertaineing the bounds between us

Lord B. The certaine bounds betwixt us must be the fortieth degree of northern latitude as I have already shewn you by my grant.

W^m Pen And to find out that I propose in my judgement the most equall way that can be which is to begin at the Capes a place soe generally and soe long knowne and reputed to lye within the latitude of thirty seven and five minutes, and has not for the space of soe many years bin knowne to vary foure or five minutes by any observacōn yet taken and soe from thence to measure two degrees fifty five minutes which will just make the fortieth degree.

Lord B. My southern bounds being Watkins Point was soe determined by Comissioners from His Majesty and others from my father, now had they sett out Watkins Point higher up the Bay my Father must have bin contented therewith and the Northern bounds being the fortieth degree of northern latitude beyond which I am not to runn.

W^m Pen. Possibly the Lord Baltemore's southern bounds might be layd out by Comissioners who may be could or did not see what they did the uncertainty of an observacōn I apprehend and conceive it dangerous to confide in for by the shaking of a hand the error in the instrument or the unskillfullness or ignorance of the observator great inconveniences may incurr