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to the prejudice of either side but I doe offer as the most equall way between us to pitch upon the soe long reputed and generally knowne and received place of thirty seaven degrees odd minutes which for the space of forty, fifty or sixty yeares has bin concluded the latitude of the Capes (speaking now of antiquity & before ever the Lord Baltemore or myselfe were ever concerned in these parts) and from thence to measure by line till we arrive to forty which I conceive farr more safe than to trust to the ignorance of an observator the shakeing of his hand or a bad instrument.

Lord B. A more certaine observation of the fortieth degree may be now taken at the head of the Bay than formerly there was of thirty seaven and halfe where you say the capes lyes and I apprehend it to be more safe and sure for us both to have an observacōn taken in the proper place with such an Instrument as I have already spoke of and surely M^r Pen you will as well confide in your friends as I shall on such as I shall appoint to joyne with them Now for your owne satisfaction the course you have proposed may be pursued but that which I shall depend on & be wholly determined by is a due observation to be taken of the fortieth degree being the northern bounds of my Patent.

W. Pen. I doe not object against the Lord Baltemore's bounds but I say to find that out which I think a case wherein a man ought to be as cautious as in the choice of a wife well to consider before hand I propose the most equall way between us both to take our comēcem^t from a certaine generall reputed taken and received place of latitude of soe many years standing described by all mapps and by which all masters of shippes and vessels have been governed and soe from thence proceed distinctly to measure to forty soe to remaine to posterity in order to the waving any future disputes or differences which is all the favour I request.

Lord B. Since you owne the case to be so tender as truly I doe I think there will therefore be the greater reason to have our business determined the best and surest way which I have already offered tho' for your satisfaction M^r Pen I shall not refuse the liberty to any person to doe that which you propose and make report to you that which I am resolved to trust to and be concluded by is an observation to be taken with an instrument of six or seaven foote diameter for the sunn will deceive neither of us.

W. Pen. I acknowledge that as a favour from the Lord Baltemore but still I moove the most equal way in my opinion of ascertaining the bounds between us.

Lord B. M^r Pen you did I remember once propose to me in England that you had offers made you of that part of Dela-