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Lord B. The way that you propose should I yield to it would be but error upon error therefore let our bounds be ascertained as I have offered then possibly I may have an opportunity of shewing my kindnes to M<sup>r</sup> Pen and till that be don neither he nor I can approve ourselves as we both desire.

W. Pen. I have I think proposed the most equitable way to that end but suppose the Capes to lye within the latitude of thirty seaven and this part of the Country in thirty six degrees and thirty minutes which is halfe a degree difference what will then follow but to sett the sea and land together by the eares but waveing disputes of that nature I am contented to take our com̄encement from the long generally taken and reputed place of thirty seaven degrees and five minutes and thence to run to forty which I apprehend the most faire and equal way and am thereby willing to be concluded.

Lord B. Would it not seeme very strange & preposterous in England for me to proceed upon a bare suggestion or supposition of an observation of thirty seaven taken at the Capes and that by masters of shippes with their small Quadrants to find out the degree of forty?

W. Pen. Let the Lord Baltimore pitch upon one and I another to goe and take their observation at the Capes and from thence calculate where Watkins Point lyes which will not cost above five or six days expense and from thence proceed to find out the degree of forty by which as I have soe often reiterated I am willing to be concluded as for the Land in dispute I vallue it not but barely for an Inlett for the conveniency of my Province.

Lord B. It is not to deprive M<sup>r</sup> Pen of an Inlett to his Province but my interest which makes me argue this much for should I consent to take that for my bounds which in truth is not would be a meanes to destroy the very foundation of my Pattent which you cannot blame me if I be not soe forward to doe.

W. Pen. If the Lord Baltimore would vouchsafe to discourse with me a word or two in private I should possibly open myselfe more fully and freely in this point and frankly acquaint him what I would request of him and whether the head of the Bay fall within his or my bounds we should I doubt not make all things comodious between us for which reason I would crave a little private discourse with the Lord Baltimore.

Lord B. I hope I have not offered anything injurious to M<sup>r</sup> Pen onely am desirous to preserve my own interest to which end I desire that two able men may be made choice of to find out the degree of forty whereby I am bounded by my Pattent to the Northward here is Captaine Connaway a good discrete able man let him be one before he goes out.