

had granted to himself many years before he granted M^r Penn his patent and that he found he had included all the land on the westwardmost side of Delaware river unto the latitude of the fortyeth degree within his Lordshippes said Patent, unto which Gov^r Markham replied That as his Lordship was pleased to consult his Lordshippes one patent, and give what constructions upon the said pattend his Lordship thought most proper for his purpose, he as his most faithful servant not at all being made known to the contents of his Lordshippes patent had read and perused the Kings Majestys Letters pattendes granted unto W^m Penn, which he had that time produced to his Lordship under the Great Seale of England, and there found as is here expressed that his Majesty has been graciously pleased by Letters pattend bearing date the 4th of March last past do give and grant unto W^m P. Esq^{re} all the Tract of Land in America called by the name of Pensylvania, as the same is bounded on the East by Delaware river, from 12 miles distance Northwards of New Castle Towne, unto the 43rd degree of northern latitude, and dayted on the 2nd day of Aprill 1682 for these reasons. George Markham told his Lordship that he could not allow him to take furthur observations because M^r Penn's pattend took its beginning 12 miles from New Castle, and for the reasons his Majesty had to do soe (which was often questioned by the Lord Baltemore & alledged on his Lordshippes part that his Majesty had been misinformed) he dares not be so presumptive to inquire into his Majestys reason he being always the master and Interpreter of his own réasons unto whom he referred his Lordship for answer, his Lordship was pleased to say M^r Penn might go there for answer if he pleased; for his own part he had no reason nor would go before his Majesty nor Council Table for any such matter, but would take his own where he found it. The Lord Baltemore by one of his Artists or Commis^{rs} was pleased to object that if we began 12 miles above New Castle and respected the Town as our center; how could we fetch our surveys to touch the Meridian line of 40, it being a matter in his Lordshippes esteem unpracticable unto which Gov^r Markham replied, that in that they were as far at a loss as in the foregoing argument, for that as he would show them, and at that time produced the letters pattend granted by his Majesty to W^m Penn, his Majesty had not Concluded the Town of New Castle to be the centre, but that the 40th degree was the centre and the circle of the 12 miles to the northward of New Castle was only to respect the 40th degree as its centre unto which they said his Majesty must have long Compasses. The Governor made answer he hoped they would not limit his Majesty's Compasses. These and such like arguments being often disputed and repeated on both sides his Lordship desired