

and their Lord^{ps} taking into consideration what might be the proper Boundaries of the Country of Delaware now in question it is proposed that the whole Peninsula or tract of land called Delaware from East to West as far as Cape Hinlopen Southward may be divided into two equal parts between His Majesty and my Lord Baltimore Whereupon his Lord^p demanding further time to consider of this Proposal the Committee allow him a week longer to offer his objections.

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My Lord Baltimore & M^r Penn attending concerning the Boundaries of the Country of Delaware are called in and being heard their Lord^{ps} resolve to report their opinion to His Majesty that for avoiding further differences the Tract of land lying between the river and bay of Delaware and the Eastern Sea on the one side and Chesapeak Bay on the other be divided into two equal parts by a line from the Latitude of Cape Henlopen to the 40th degree of Northern Latitude and that one half thereof lying towards the Bay of Delaware and the Eastern Sea be adjusted to belong to His Majesty and that the other half remain to the Lord Baltimore as comprised within his Charter.

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Present

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council The following report from the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and foreign Plantations being this day read at the Board.

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The Lords of the Committee for Trade and Plantations having pursuant to His late Majesty's Order in Council of the 31. of May 1683 examined the Matters in Difference between the Lord Baltimore and William Penn Esq^{re} in behalf of his present Majesty concerning a Tract of Land in America commonly called Delaware, their Lordships find that the Land intended to be granted by the Lord Baltimore's Patent was only Land uncultivated and inhabited by savages, and that this Tract of Land now in dispute was inhabited and planted by Christians at and before the Date of the Lord Baltimore's Patent as it hath been ever since to this time and continued as a distinct colony from that of Maryland, so that their Lordships humbly offer their opinion that for avoyding further differences the Tract of Land lying between the River and Bay of Delaware and the Eastern Sea on the one side and Chesapeak Bay on the other, be divided into two equall parts by a line from the