

Liber B. neere heads and branches of any of the Rivers that fall into
P. R. O. Chesapeake Bay, and to encourage the Inhabitants of my
p. 2 Province that have already surveyed Lands in those parts to
seate them in my right as soon as they cann, and particularly to
take care the Penn-Sylvanians make noe further Incroachm^{ts} on
the Lands where Coll George Talbott was seated, and to secure
the fort neere Christina Bridge, untill you heare further from
me, being resolved notwithstanding this ord^r to keepe posses-
sion of what is surveyed, and to be on the defensive part,
rather than be forced to complaine; Lett me therefore desire
you to be carefull that our Neighbours brake not in upon the
heads and branches of my Rivers on the Eastern side, and then
I shall in a little time contrive it so that the Division which is
ordered to be made shall be no great prejudice to me nor my
Country. This is what I very earnestly recommend to your
care and Kindness, untill it be my good fortune to see you,
which I hope will not be long, and soe I rest,

Y^r very Loving ffriend

London Decemb. the first 1685. C. Baltemore.

ffor Coll Thomas Tailler, Coll Vincent Lowe,
Coll Henry Darnall, Coll W^m Digges, Major
Nicholas Sewall, and for the rest of the Dep^{ty}
Govern^{rs} of: Maryland

Inclosed wherein was as foll.

At the Court of Whitehall this 13th day
of Novemb: 1685:—

By the Kings most Excellent Maj^{tie} and the Lords of his
Maj^{ties} most hon^{ble} Privy Councill

The following Report from the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords of the
Com^{tee} for Trade and fforreigne plantations being this day
read at the board—

Lords of the committee for Trade &c. Report concerning the lands in dispute betweene the L ^d Baltemore & W ^m Penn Esqr	}	The Lords of the Committee for trade and Plantations having pursuant to his late Maj ^{ties} ord ^r in Councill of the 31 st of May 1683, ex- amined the matters in difference between the Lord Baltemore and William Penn Esq ^r in behalf of his p ^{sent} Maj ^{tie} concerning a tract of land in America, commonly called Delaware Their L ^{sps} find that the Land intended to be granted by the Lord Baltemores Pattent was only land uncultivated and Inhabited by Savages; And that this tract of Land now in dispute was Inhabited and planted by Christians at or before the date of the Lord Balte- mores Pattent, as it hath been ever since to this time, and con- tinued as a distinct Collony from that of Maryland. Soe that their L ^{sps} humbly offer their opinion that for avoyding further
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