

[Governor Horatio Sharpe to Caecilius Calvert.]

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I arrived here the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant & was sworn into my office the same Afternoon at which time I took occasion in a short speech to acquaint the Gentlemen of the Council, how well satisfied His Lordship had expressed himself with the Steadiness they had shewn in supporting his Rights & Priviledges, the Honour & Dignity of the Government; and that I had His Lordships commands to assure them of the due sense His Lordship had of their great Qualifications and Merit, & repeated the same to them again severally as they occasionally waited on me. His Lordship being so near a conclusive determination in regard to the Boundarys of Pensilvania I thought it my Duty to summon a general Council which I did the 15 Inst<sup>t</sup> to consider of the 74 Article of my private Instructions. To wit, How far the Circle round Newcastle will affect the Head of Cheseapeak Bay; As the Pensilvanians will not permit any person to take observations thereof, tis impossible to say certainly, but it is hoped that it will not affect the River Heads. It is a Country abounding with Hills, therefore superficial measurement will be for his Lordships Advantage. That part of the Peninsula where a West line has been run from Cape Hinlopen (or for Distinction sake Cape Cornelius) is a flat Country therefore the way of Measuring that is no further material than that if you allow Horizontal measurement there Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penns may give it as a reason for measuring above after the same manner. It is to be observed that the Temporary Line is drawn 15 Miles south of the most southern part of Philadelphia, which takes away from his Lordship much good Land; It would be a great Advantage & it is much to be wished you could continue the Line due North (after it has touched the Circle) to the 40° 00' at least to 39 56.

A Line due West in that Latitude will run a little North of one of the Bendings of the river Potowmack, much depends thereon in respect to the Boundarys with Lord Fairfax for by what I have yet seen I doubt that Branch which runs about S° West by the Allegany Mountains will be deemed the Foun-