

Letter Bk. I. if the present Possessors are ejected they must be supplied with an equal number of Acres in some other part of the Province, & it wou^d cause great uneasiness among those Tenants & not contiguous to manour Lands, I leave to your Determination whether it will be proper to drop the Affair or prosecute farther His Ldp's Pretentions—You will find in the paquet some Charges on his Ldp for services which were done before my Arrival but I do'nt choose to order the Agent to answer the Bills before you acknowledge Allowance of them & signifie his Ldp's pleasure to have them discharged. I have received an Answer from Ld Fairfax to the Letter of which I sent you a Copy He wishes the undertaking success
 p. 15 & gives his free consent to any persons coming on the northern Neck to make such Discoveries but does not choose to engage in the affair Himself.

My intent to examine the two Branches of Potowmack I have hinted to the Gov^r of Virginia & writ to Col^o Cressop to know whether He will undertake that Business or not, & return me an accurate Description of their Courses, Rapidity & Depth & the longitudinal Difference of the places of the Spring Heads, but I suppose the severity of the Winter will hinder Him from proceeding on those Enquiries this three or four Months at least.

Among the Papers you will find an Abstract from a short Treatise concerning the Boundaries of this Province which is not yet finished but has been submitted to my perusal by one M^r Evans from Philadelphia, whether there be any Merit in proving the propositions proposed in the Abridgment I leave to your Determination but that He might procure some papers at New York & elsewhere which He is persuaded will strengthen his reasoning & assertions I have advanced Him £30 Currency & given Him hopes on his success & settling in this Province to expect farther encouragement if his Scheme
 p. 16 be approved of by his Ldp. There appears to me in his Treatise one Article worthy observation which He has not taken notice of in the Abridgment viz that to the time that tract of Land was enfeoffed to M^r Penn the Duke of York had held the three lower Counties as an Appendix or appurtenance but was afterwards willing for better security to obtain a Grant of them from the Crown. This grant is dated the 22^d of March in the 35th of Charles the 2^d & the year 1682-3 Seven months after he had granted them to M^r Penn, the settling this Date of that grant is warranted from the Copy of it in the Hands of the Assembly in 1707 which M^r Norris in the Preface to the new Edition of the Pensilvania Votes says is not now among their Records, 'twas of the private Collection of the then Speaker David Lloyd & is now in the hands of Joseph