

taken this opportunity of transmitting Copies of them as also Letter Bk. I.  
of a Proclamation issued by the Order of the late Ld. Proprietary  
which the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Council thought it might be proper to  
submit to His Ldp's perusal & wait his answer before obedience  
to Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd's Instruction for requiring an Alienation Fine  
upon every Devise be insisted on if His Ldp should be pleased  
to confirm that Instruction of Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd's perhaps you will not  
think it improper to defer putting it in Execution for a year or  
two till we can get the fees arising from Innholder Licences  
(which amount to a very considerable Sum annually) appropri-  
ated to the Proprietary's use. The impracticability of  
advancing the Quit Rents to Ten Shillings a Hundred Acres  
Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd has so fully acquainted You with that I presume it  
would be superfluous for me to enlarge on that Topick or on  
the inconveniences that must follow a Refusal of Land to  
those who will not oblige Themselves to settle a certain number  
of Persons on it within a time specified, while Land in Virginia  
can be procured on much easier Terms than it is in Maryland  
at present granted. That the Proprietors of Pensilvania pro-  
cure such an advanced Price for their Land as was mentioned  
in His Ldp's Instructions I find has been owing to their per-  
mitting the Germans who were prevailed on at the first Settle-  
ment of that Province to import themselves continually in very  
large numbers to settle on & cultivate what Land they pleased,  
but as their possessions were not secured to Them by patent,  
when considerable improvements had been made, in 1732 or  
thereabouts the Proprietaries made the demand of about £9  
S<sup>r</sup> Caution money & £4: 1<sup>s</sup> Quit Rent which rather than relin-  
quish their cultivated Plantations, the Possessors submitted to  
pay tho much dissatisfied thereat; & that People will take up  
Land in Pensilvania at so high a Rate at this time must be  
accounted for from its being rendered much more valuable  
than any in Maryland by the great Demand for its Produce  
which is owing to the vast increase of Inhabitants as well as  
the surprising Exportation from Philadelphia. p. 21

M<sup>r</sup> Taskers Reasons for having disposed of His Ldp's Land  
at so low a Rate you will see in his Answer to a Lett<sup>r</sup> which in  
pursuance of my Instructions I sent Him on that affair.

On consulting with the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Council, whether it  
would be proper to issue such Proclamation, as would prevent  
the Possessors of Surplusage Lands contained in former Sur-  
veys, procuring Grants of such Land, unless they would make  
discovery of & take out Patent for the same within a certain  
limited time, I was advised to postpone it till His Ldp could  
be informed that many Persons induced heretofore by similar  
Proclamations after the elapse of such limited time, made dis-  
covery of Surplusage Lands, expecting one third of the Land  
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