

& there are two manours surveyed & reserved in that County Letter Bk. I. already; if I should by any enquiries get knowledge of Vacancy which will answer that End, or Land contiguous fit to be added to the Mannours already laid out & erected, I will punctually obey your Lordships Instructions. Your Ldp's Expectations of having what Land remains vacant in the more populous parts of the Country sold off at more advanced prices, cannot I am afraid, be answered as much as I wish; The Method always followed here of locating Land Warrants by selecting the most rich & fertile Land without regarding any regularity of its Area, or making one of its Courses coincide with the Boundary of the adjacent prior patented Tract, has left the Land hitherto remaining Vacant & uncultivated, in such irregular small & incommodious parcels that it is thought scarcely worth any ones While but those on whose possessions it joins, to take it up even at the common Rate I observed in a Letter to your Ldp's Secretary soon after my Arrival that in some of the Counties there is supposed to be a considerable number of Acres, for which your Ldp receives no Rent. This (except the parcels just mentioned & some very poor Land not taken up) comes under the Denomination of Surplus or cultivated Vacancy; for the more easy discovery of which I at that time submitted to your Ldp's Consideration, whether it would not be an adviseable Step to survey one or two of the smaller Counties where there appears the greatest Disproportion between the Rents paid your Ldp & the quantity of Land cultivated & possessed however the Occupiers are frequently making Re-surveys & taking up the vacant cultivated Land, for which is paid according to the Improvements made thereon, & as they can agree with the Agent to whom I have communicated my Instructions on this Head & desired He will comply as much as possible with your Ldp's pleasure thereby signified. p. 28

I have taken this opportunity of transmitting a short History of Delaware River & the Dutch & Sweedish Settlements thereon before the Date of the Duke of York's Deed for the Three Lower Counties. The History I got compiled from some Extracts from the Records of New York, with hopes that it might obviate some Objections that have been advanced against your Ldp's Title to the Lands on that Bay & River

I have endeavoured as much as possible to acquaint myself with the Circumstances & Occasion of the Murder committed by Kittsmiller on the disputed Boundaries. The Identical Spot where the Fact was committed M^r Diggs insists & brings Evidence to support him was included within the Courses ran by the Surveyor when the Land was first taken up, but on having recourse to the Land Office whither all Land Warrants are after Execution returned & entered, it manifestly appears that