

Letter Bk. I. that Spot is not included within the Bounds as is there platted & described, & Stevenson the Officer who first surveyed the Land, avers & contends that He never ran other Courses than were returned to the Land Office; This is all I can yet discover of the Affair; the Question at present is whether some Wittnesses that M^r Digges can produce will invalidate Stevenson's Testimony; turn that out as it may yet as the Pensilv-
 p. 29 nians had procured a Copy of the Land platted from the Maryland Land Office & thereby ruled themselves in making Survey of the contiguous Land as lying in Pensilvania before His Majesty's order in Council; I apprehend we cannot proceed to bring the Murtherer to Justice in this province.

I was very uneasy at not being able to transmit the Rental Books more speedily, but have taken Care that the Agent has sent as many as were compleated by this same Conveyance, & hope the Rent Rolls for the remaining Counties will be prepared to transmit by a very early Opportunity; with the greatest alacrity & Satisfaction would I have complied with your Lordships Desire to have the plan delivered me for the Collection of the Quit Rents by the respective Sheriffs put immediately in Execution had it not been absolutely impracticable in the short time that intervned between my arrival & the Expiration of the term for which the former Receivers had engaged; Several of the Sheriffs in Office were not able to give sufficient security for the due & punctual payment of them to your Ldp's Agent, & to have displaced them at that time so suddenly would have been their entire Ruin, w^{ch} I was persuaded was far from your Ldp's Desire or Design. I have consented therefore to the farming your Ldp's Rents for the Term of two years & when that time is elapsed I will put that plan in Execution I hope entirely to your Ldp's Satisfaction.

I have herewith sent for your Ldp's information & satisfaction an exact State of the worth of the respective Ecclesiastical Benefices in the province at this time; your Ldp will see that the Divisions already made have reduced most of them to a very moderate Value. The misinformation that had been given me made me represent untruly the Income of some of those that are now vacant, which Error your Ldp will be hereby enabled to rectify: And as the Decease of M^r Cox in Queen
 p. 30 Ann County has vacated a Parish something less in Value than that in Dorchester to which I recommended M^r Malcolm, I have taken the Liberty to favour M^r Malcolms later Request, by inducting him to St Paul's in Queen Ann County which being more compact, the Duty of it can be discharged with less fatigue to a person in years which is M^r Malcom's Case; & M^r Meyer according to your Ldp's Appointment succeeds him at Annapolis as the Income to the Rector of Annapolis is