

Question started by the Commissioners of the two Provinces at Letter Bk. I.
running the temporary Line & by an Apprehension that the
Peninsula might be divided in such a manner by a new Agree-
ment between the Proprietors that no Relation might be
wanted to be had at all to the Perephery of the New Castle
Circle I observe your mention of the Bisection of a due East
& West Line drawn from the North Point that makes the P. 43
Inlet of Indian River across the Peninsula & from the Point of
Bisection a Line to be run Northward as a Tangent to the
Circle; apprehending that twas the Face of Emory's Map, in
which He has without having taken any exact Observation laid
down Choptank about the same Paralel of Latitude with the
North Side of Indian River that suggested to you such a
Division, I have sent M^r Emory to see whether or not such an
East & West Line from the North Side of Indian River will
coincide with or intersect the Water of Choptank River at any
considerable Distance Eastwards from Chesopeak Bay. By
this I shall more perfectly learn where that point of Bisection
will fall & how Nanticoke Branches can be affected by either
of the Lines you propose. The Receipt of Col^o Cressops
Answer & M^r Veazey's Return who is now upon the Exami-
nation of the Distance & Bearings of the several Rivers wth
respect to Newcastle will I hope enable me to answer any
Question that can be proposed about these particulars in a
more explicite certain & categorical manner than the informa-
tions of any Gentⁿ here have hitherto enabled me to do. But
if His Ldp will think of coming to Terms before such Exami-
nations can be made, I should imagine Mess^r Penns could
make no Objection to having an East & West Line run from
Indian River or above it so as to clear Nanticoke half across
the Peninsula & from the Extremitie of such Line a Northern
Line drawn to the Head of the Easternmost River that flows
into Chesopeak Bay & then from the Head of such River be
another Line continued if it intersects no navigable Water till
it becomes a Tangent to the Circle. Such a Division I submit
if His Ldp is impatient to determine the Affair before I can P. 44
transmit a certain Account of the Particulars mentioned above
& I should imagine that the Paragraph in the Late Ld's Agree-
ment which secures to him if Navigation of the Rivers & their
Heads would induce Mess^s Penn to consent to the running
such Lines as I now describe.

You will excuse my inserting here what ought to have been
observed where I was speaking of the Quit Rents 1st That
the Rental Books as you have been pleased to stile them which
go by the same Conveyance with this are here nominated Debt
Books because in them is specified what each Individual is
annually to pay for what Land He holds. They may I think