

Letter Bk. I. returned after a few Conferences had between both Houses thereon with an absolute Negative & that I am afraid will be the Case, as often as I might be obliged to meet them on the same Occasions.

I must attribute in great measure the Obstinacy that has appeared in the Lower House of Assembly during these two last Conventions to the near approach of another Election which as I intimated in my Last has no little influence on the Conduct of such Representatives as for the most part compose our present Senate: As I have humbly submitted to his Ldp to consider whether it might be improper to put our Assembly on another Regulation by lengthening the time of their Sessions, the proposal I hope will meet with your Approbation.

It is owing to Col^o Cressap's Absence from home among the Virginians on Ohio, that I am not yet able to comply with your Requisition concerning the Latitude of the most northern Bend of Potomack I some weeks since writ two Letters desiring
p. 53 him to return me a Copy of his Map of that River signed & authenticated which I will transmit with the Description of Distances & Bearings of the River Heads on the Eastern Shore as soon as the Surveyors make their Returns which I expect in about 3 weeks or a month at farthest;

My Suspicion of Choptank River's being inaccurately laid down in that Map of Emory's is confirmed by his Return from the Business in which at my last writing he was engaged. That River instead of lying Northward of the East & West Line drawn (in that Map which is in your Possession) from Indian River, is, upon Examination found to lye entirely to the Southward of it which I am afraid will not be so convenient for your proposed Division. The account you required from the Records of this Province concerning an Observation taken in 1669 at Newcastle & returned to the Governor of New York I have herewith sent & also the Act of Assembly that you desired from the Gover^r of Virginia which proves to be posterior to the time you mentioned; & Gov^r Dinwiddie informs me that no account of the Commissioners Proceedings in Consequence of such Act can be found recorded in that Province. You will also be pleased to receive by this same Conveyance, attested Copies of as many old Surveys Patents Warrants or Certificates of Land at present disputed between the two Provinces as I have hitherto been Able to procure & also a Copy with the Provincial Seal affixed of the Commissioners Journal who were appointed to run the northern Temporary Line; in their Proceedings you may be pleased to observe that on April
p. 54 the 23 a Dispute happened about running a 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ due South Line; The Question being whether Superficial or Horizontal Measurement should be allowed, & that on the 24th the Mary-