

Business could have permitted his absence on so distant Service Letter Bk. I. seems to be: But to be as secure as possible against any Deceit, I thought proper to order him to attest whatever could be collected from the said Records after the Manner you have I hope e'er this seen, w^{ch} I thought would deprive him of the power of falsifying, while the Interpreter a Man of good Character at New York was also to authenticate the quotations in the same manner. Upon this Service much more money than I expected would be requisite was expended for the most in discharging the Fees of the Office & the Expence of the Interpreter; but the Conclusion of your Paragraph on advancing Money for the future I shall well observe & be always careful how I subject His Ldp to any Expences without having first received his permission or Order.—I have not by me a Copy of that Abstract; but if I well remember that Hypothesis of his “that Ld Baltimore & Mess^{rs} Penns at the time of executing the Articles, considered the South Boundary of Pennsylvania by the Patent to be in the Latitude 39°” is laid down in order to draw therefrom a Conclusion in His Ldp's favour concerning a Tract of Land west of the Fountain of Potowmack & I apprehend that He might have been led to think what he there supposes, from that Clause in the Tenth Section of the Articles of Agreement, where speaking of the reciprocal Cessions that were to be made; the Articles say “& on the other hand The s^d I Penn &c do by these presents for ever renounce & quit Claim unto the s^d Charles Ld Baltimore &c all pretensions to the Province of Maryland to be so bounded as aforesaid viz on the Northward by a due East & West Line ran 15 Miles South of Philadelphia west to the west Extremity of the Pensilvania Territories” which Line would terminate near Ohio somewhere about the Spot where the French have built their Fort on Monongahela as I have endeavoured to represent by the Sketch of that Country herewith inclosed. I do not submit this as countenancing Evans in the least, but to introduce an Observation which I beg leave as from myself to offer to your notice. p. 69

If the Penns claimed by their Patent any Land South of the Degree Forty, which we are too sensible they have done even where that Land was vested in Ld Baltimore by a prior Patent, what hinders their claim to that Tract of Land (represented in the Sketch by the shade marked A) which was not disposed of by his Majesty before the Date of their Patent; & this indeed they do claim even away to Ohio, but if they oblige His Ldp to abide by the Articles of Agreement; or upon any new Agreement I think His Ldp may by the Agreement have some pretensions to that no invaluable Country, as I apprehend that