

enough for them to look the Enemy again in the face before Winter: That the Lower House would suffer no Expunction in the Bill was manifest from their late Conduct, & as that Point with respect to the Ordinary Lycences had been conceded by the Governor & Council heretofore in times of less imminent Danger than the present there was too much Reason to apprehend that by the Upper House's rejecting the Bill on that Account they would have brought on the Colony severe Reflections from the neighbouring Govern<sup>ts</sup> I hope His Ldp will not be displeas'd that I assented to the Bill upon these Considerations & the Assurances of the Gent<sup>n</sup> that this Bill would not at all hinder or protract His Ldp's claiming or insisting on the Fines upon Ordinary Lycences at the Expiration of the Law made in 1746, by reason the Imposts laid by this Bill will sink the £6000 before the Sum ordered to be raised by that Law can be collected from the Duties thereby imposed. The principal Objection too that lay against the Bills that were in the two last Sessions rejected was in this removed, & the point then disputed is here given in his Ldps favour; I mean the Appropriation of forfeitures arising from a Breach of that part of the Law which concerns Hawkers & Pedlars, for you will be pleas'd to observe that half the Forfeitures only are to be appropriated to the uses for which the Bill is calculated, & the other Moiety to the Informer to be recovered by Indictment on Information in the County Court where the Offence shall be committed; Now His Ldp being in such Case always the Informer by his Attorney General or Clerk of Indictment the Moiety consequently is appropriated to His Ldps Use & Disposal.

Upon M<sup>r</sup> Emory's Return from the Service in which I lately engaged him I met the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Council & again repeated his Ldp's Desire that they would advise some Boundary to be concluded on by His Ldp with the Proprietors of Pensilvania in case His Ldp should be dispos'd to come to an amicable Agreement thereon & I also acquainted them that in order to their being better enabled to advise what Line or Lines may be proper for his Ldp to agree on as Divisional Lines between his Ldp's Lands & those which the Proprietors of Pensilvania claim on the Peninsula East of Chesopeak Bay, I order'd M<sup>r</sup> Emory to begin a Line at the Head of Elk River, & run Southward to the Head of the next River that falls into Chesopeak Bay, & by measuring thence acquaint himself with the Distances between the several River Heads on the Western Side of the Peninsula & also observe & discover how these several River Heads would bear from each other, & from a Meridian Line run from the Extremity of a twelve Mile Radius drawn from the Centre of Newcastle. I inform'd them also that the

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