

North two Degrees West at farthest (variation being allowed for) till it touches Newcastle Circle & if Mess^{rs} Penns refuse to have such Line (being a Secant of the Circle) continued direct northward as a Boundary between the Territories or three lower Counties & Maryland (which should be contended for) Let a due North Line be run from the Extremity of a Newcastle 12 Mile Radius to the present temporary Line or any other Line that may be agreed on by the Proprietaries as a North Boundary to this Province & South Boundary to that of Pensilvania, & let all the Land included within the Newcastle Circle be ceded to Mess^{rs} Penns & all the Land westward of the said Secant & said Meridian run from the Extremity of the Newcastle Radius & without the Perephery of the Circle be confirmed by Mess^{rs} Penn to Ld Baltimore.—You will be pleased to observe that we could not have any Certainty with respect to the Radius from Newcastle on which the Position of the Perephery depends, so that should the Peninsula prove less than 14 miles wide from Newcastle to the Meridian of the Easternmost part of the Branch of Elk River (which is the Distance supposed to be between them & allowed in Emory's Map) the perephery of the Circle may possibly affect the three Creeks that flow into Elk River if not Elk itself. This Deficiency in our knowledge you will perceive is also taken notice of in the Resolve of the Council of which as it contains also my Sentiments I herewith transmit you a Copy. As it appears from M^r Cressaps Map lately transmitted that the present temporary Line does not intersect any navigable water there does not seem to be any Room for us to advise on that point, because you can have as clear & distinct an Idea of the Benefits that this Province would receive from being extended farther than the Temporary Line Northw^d as any Person resident on the Spot can possibly have.

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I have obeyed his Ldps Instruction whereby I was ordered to constitute M^r Dulany joint Commissary with M^r Tasker & acquainted them with His Ldp's Desire & Expectations from them in what relates to you, & all the other Instructions which His Ldp has been pleased to give, shall always be answered with my most punctual Obedience.

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As His Ldp has signified an earnest Desire to have some more Tracts of Land erected into mannours in the several parts of the Province, I beg leave to acquaint you that in 1669 a considerable Extent of Country was laid out on Nanticoke & Chop-tank Rivers & appropriated by Act of Assembly afterwards to the use of a Nation of Indians inhabiting there till they should be extinct or choose to desert it at which Period of time it should revert to the Ld Proprietary excepting any Part or parcel of it that might before that time have been patented, which part will then return to the lawful Heir if any be: you will be