

Island to the Bay of Chesopeak, also the Map of Taylor's & James's Islands with M^r Emory's Deposition annexed & a Copy of the Journal that he kept when he assisted in running the Line abovementioned, I shall likewise transmit two Depositions that I have just received relative to the Passage of some Vessels heretofore thro the Streights or Thoroughfares called Slaughter Creek & Oyster Creek & I shall also send Copies of several Patents whereby the Tracts of Land that lye on the Eastern Side or Shore of Slaughter Creek & some Parts of James's & Taylors Islands were granted by the Lord Proprietary in the early Days of the Province. I have desired the Sheriff of Dorchester County to send me up Duplicates of the two Depositions abovementioned together with some more of the same Sort or to the same Purport if any other Persons can be found that have ever seen Vessels of Burthen pass thro those Streights & if he complies with my Request before the Governor returns to Annapolis & I have any Opportunity of transmitting 'em I shall not fail to As the Descriptive Parts of the other Patents that have been granted for Parcels or Tracts of Land on Taylors Island the same or nearly the same Words that these do which you will now receive Copies of, it was thought unnecessary to have them transcribed especially as their Describing Taylor's Island to lye in Slaughter Creek & not in the Bay of Chesopeak seems to militate against Lord Baltimore. How it happened that these Streights which divide James's from Taylors Island and Taylor's Island from the Main Land have been called Creeks I cannot learn nor why the several Islands that lye to the Southward of them as well as Pools & the other Islands which are to the Northward of Bay of Chesopeak These not vessels of Taylor's Island as round many of them. I have heard it urged that there is the same Reason why Taylor's Island should be considered as Part of the Land over which the East & West Line ought to be run that there is why Fenwix's Island should be so considered, & that as the Commissioners begun to run the Line from the Easternmost Shore of the Latter it ought to be terminated by the Westernmost Shore of the former, or of Iamess Island as it might happen to fall; but this Argument is no longer even specious when it be known that the Parcel of Land which is called by the Name of Fenwix's Island is in fact no Island but Part of the Main Land as M^r Emory informed me some time ago when I was talking with him on this Subject. It is supposed nay I believe the Map that was transmitted to you by the Governor some time since will shew, that if the Divisional Lines are run according to the Articles of Agreement as the Lord Hardwick explained them, a navi-