

may possibly be prevailed on to raise them, tho their past Conduct forbids me to entertain very sanguine Expectations, however as soon as I am acquainted with their Resolution I shall advise you thereof & in the mean time I am with great Regard &c.

Letter Bk. III

[Hamilton to Sharpe.]

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Sir

I herewith send by Express a Packet I received last night from England by the Mercury Man of War, containing, as I am advised, an Agreement lately concluded between the Right Honourable the Lord Baltimore & the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, touching the Bounds and Limits of their respective Provinces. And also a Commission from the said Lord Baltimore directed to Yourself and six other Gentlemen of your Province authorizing and appointing them in conjunction with seven Gentlemen of this Province empowered by a like Commission from our Proprietaries, to run out, Settle and fix all such Lines marks and Boundaries between the Provinces of Pennsylvania and Counties of Newcastle Kent and Sussex on Delaware and the Province of Maryland, as have not yet been compleated, pursuant to the Articles of Agreement betw<sup>n</sup> the said Proprietaries in 1732, the Decree of the High Court of chancery and subsequent orders thereupon, and the late Indenture of Agreement bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of July last.

The Commissioners on the Part of this Province are myself, William Allen, Richard Peters, Benjamin Chew, Lyndford Lardner, Ryves Holt and George Stephenson Esquires. The Commission is now in our Hands and we would be glad to enter upon the Execution of the Duties thereby enjoined about the Middle of next Month if it will suit the Conveniency of the Commissioners of your Province to meet us for that purpose that the Work may be forwarded before the fine Season we have reason to expect shall be too far wasted. And of this, Sir, as well as of the Place of our first Meeting, I desire to know your sentiments, as early as may be, after your having had an Opportunity of consulting the Commissioners appointed to act with you on the Part of your Province.

I cannot omit to congratulate you, Sir, on the Prospect of avoiding any further Contention upon the Borders, and of establishing, in the fullest manner, the tranquility which hath been so well preserved during your Administration. I am with the greatest respect, Sir

your most Obedient & most humble Servant

James. Hamilton

Governor Sharpe