

Letter Bk. IV transmitted to M^r Calvert is one to the following Purport viz^t What is a due East & West Line? is it a Parallel of Latitude? or is any other Line that will make an Angle with a Parallel of Latitude a due East & west Line? Which question your Ldp may perhaps be surprized at, as I presume that at the time you executed the Articles of Agreement your Ldp intended that the north Boundary of your Province should be a Parallel of Latitude, nevertheless as Hints have been drop^t by some of the Pennsylvania Gentⁿ that they are not satisfied their Constituent's Intention was the same I could wish your Ldp would speak to the Proprietors of Pennsylvania concerning this Matter & if they should agree that the Words "a due East & West Line" must be meant a Parallel or Arch of a Parallel of Latitude your Ldp will be pleased to desire them to instruct or advise their Commissioners accordingly, so that Dispute may arise between Them & Us upon that Head. What makes me more particular with respect to this Matter than I should otherwise be is this, that notwithstanding it was by the Articles of 1732 agreed that the Line to be run across the Peninsula from Fenwix's Island to the Bay of Chesopeak should be a due East & West Line, that Line as it was run did not describe nor is it as I conceive a Arch of a Parallel of Latitude, but an arch of a Great Circle round the Globe constantly deviating or tending Southward from the Latitude of the Point whence it was set off or begun, however as the Chancellor did by his Decree determine & say that this Line

p. 150 after whatever manner it was run should be ever deemed & taken to be a true East & West Line I am apprehensive that his Decree may by the Pensylvania Gentⁿ be urged as a Reason why the North Boundary or due East & West Line (that is to be run from a Point lying 15 Miles South of the Southernmost Part of Philadelphia) should be run after the same manner; but was that to be the Case & such a Method to be adopted that Line instead of running clear of Potowmack would certainly intersect or cut that River below the Mouth of Tonolloy's Creek & a Gore or Triangle of Land whose Base would perhaps be three or four miles & its Legs or Sides 150 must in such Case fall Northward of the Divisional Line notwithstanding it would lye to the Southward of a Parallel of Latitude drawn from a Point lying at the Distance of 15 Statute Miles from Philadelphia. Whether any of the Commissioners who attended on behalf of Your Ldp's Father at the Time the Line was run from Fenwix's Island were aware that a Line run in the manner which That was (viz. by Stakes set off at Right Angles with a Meridian & ranged in a straight Line) would deviate from a Parallel of Latitude I do not know, the Pennsylvania Gentⁿ alledge that M^r Jennings & they think the