

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Sir

When I wrote to you the 28th of Oct^r I gave you room to think that the Commissioners nominated by His Ldp & Those appointed by the Proprietors of Pennsylvania would meet at Newcastle on Delaware the 12th of Novem^r & forthwith proceed to carry the Articles of Agreement into Execution; for Reasons however that you will see in the Narrative continued which I shall herewith transmit to you we did not meet there untill the 18th of last Month. The next Day as the Minutes of their Proceedings (a Copy of which you now receive) will shew you the Commissioners met viz. on the part of His Ldp, Myself, Col^o Lloyd, Col^o Henry, M^r Ridout whom p. 154 I had appointed in the stead of Col^o Tasker, & M^r Leeds who took the place of M^r Malcolm he being very sickly & unable to attend, & on behalf of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania appeared Governor Hamilton; M^r Allen a Gentⁿ of Fortune in Phila^a M^r Peters the Proprietors principal Manager or Agent, M^r Chew their Attorney Gen^l & M^r Lynford Lardner another private Gentleman, for a brief Account of what was done by us that Day & while we continued together I must beg Leave to refer you to the abovementioned Minutes, which as I have intimated contain our Resolutions & as to the Disputes that were occasioned at times by our being of different opinions with respect to particular matters that came under Consideration which where so many are concerned will unavoidably happen I shall take no notice of them since every Thing that was resolved was at length unanimously agreed on & Harmony was preserved among us till we broke up, as I hope it will whenever we may have Occasion to come together. You will perceive by our Minutes of the 20th & 21st of Nov. that it was thought best to begin the Work by fixing the Middle Point of the Line that was run in the Year 1751 from Fenwix's Island & thence running a true North Line almost as far up the Peninsula as the Latitude of the Town of Newcastle, & then running another straight Line from the Center of Newcastle to intersect such North Line in order thereby to discover the true Difference of both Longitude & Latitude between the abovementioned Middle Point & the Town of Newcastle which being known it will be no difficult Matter for Mathematicians to lay down the true Course of the Tangent & it's Point of Contact with the Perephery of the Circle round Newcastle. Should the due North Line which the Surveyors are now directed to run prove the Tangent or deviate very little from the Course of such a Tangent as is directed to be run I appre-