

Southermost part of Philadelphia, then to proceed by the Sector 30 or 35 miles West the same Lat^{de} as the Southermost point of that city Bears, from thence 15^{teen} Miles due South & to observe the lat^{de} of the south end of the s^d Line p^r Sector, & so to proceed to draw the Parallel of Lat^{de}, the North Boundary of Maryland & S. of Pensilvania. Their process seemes regular as p^r Hints given them from hence, & their proceed^s confirmed by the Comiss^{rs} on Both sides meet at Philadelphia the 30th of Nov^r last, & I do not doubt all is regular. Am sorry y^r not being present prevented by a violent Cold, these intelligences I receive from M^r Ridout at Philadelphia City.

You have his Lord^{ps} Approbation from me & I am glad accordingly of y^r having placed M^r Key of the Council & M^r Scott as Clerk of the Council. think y^r reasons on the Behalf of M^r Ross as Naval Officer at Patuxent Just & agst Ill-nature to hurt his possession. You surprise me ab^t M^r Plater, I am not engaged to him for his Success to Patuxent Port. Men here & in the Province say as they List, I assume no ipse Dixit, you hold the Rudder & steer the ship. Men apply, they write, I refer & take the Liberty to recomēd them for y^r kindness if friends to the Lord Proprietor & you & the administration. Ipse Dixit is his Lord^p I am in scituation to double Business Bound in capacity as Provincial Sec^y Bound to his Lord^p & to Both y^r controul. I think M^r Plater's pretentions De Corpore Politico can't have suite at present as others have Prior Pretentions. Touching M^r Daniel Dulany say to you "I approved of his Brother M^r Walter Dulany to be Agent (Rec^r Gen^l) in the stead of M^r Lloyd the Present Rec^r Gen^l" follows the substance of our discourse on that subject, & relative I have wrote Now in answ^r saying, "In answ^r to y^{rs} our discourse ab^t M^r Walter Dulany. My intentions were sincere & thereof I acquitted myself by Let^r to his Excell^y under y^r care on his Behalf 'tis not the first time, & I can't pass giving assurance that the Gover^r has respectfully wrote of him & desirous of service to him as a friend; Y^r Brother's apprehensions to the contrary is a mistake." My writing on that Subject has been Gen^l I've no fix'd mark I assume no such practice, this my conduct M^r Presd^t Tasker knows when he was at the Helm of the Govern^t concern^s the Rec^r Gen^{ls} Employ. part of our discourse, "I hinted his Lord^{ps} displeasure ag^t M^r Lloyd, the Non-remittance of his annual acc^{ts} & of w^h I had admonish'd him. Since he has almost acquitted himself thereof & promises regular transmissions has no relish to Quit." "That the Employ is a peculiar to his Lord^p that of his own welfare, & in w^{ch} I desired to be rightly taken of No Exception ag^t his Brother,