

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Letter Bk. IV

Copy of 129th Letter to M^r Calvert Dated the 11th June 1764.
Transmitted by Captain Stiles.

Sir

In my last Letter dated the 8th of May I inclosed you one from Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon by which you would see they had desired the Comm^{rs} to meet on the 19th of that Month which you will perceive by the Copy of their Minutes now transmitted that they accordingly did. Being informed by a Person who came hither from Cecil County a few Days before we were to set off that there was a little Town called Newark near the place where the Fifteen Mile Line ended in which the Commissioners might be pretty well accommodated I imagined the Pennsylvania Gentlemen would have no Objection to adjourning from Newcastle thither & therefore instead of Crossing the Bay to go to Newcastle I desired Mess^{rs} Leeds Steuart & Jennifer to proceed to Newcastle in order to meet there according to Adjournment & proceeded myself with M^r Beall Bordley by the way of Baltimore County & across Susquehannah to the little Town abovementioned whither the Commissioners came the Second Day after my Arrival having however first agreed at Newcastle on the New Instruction which it was thought necessary to give the Surveyors who had attended them. As the Spot where the Fifteen Mile south Line terminates is more than a quarter of a Mile Northward of the Point to which the Temporary Line run in 1739 inclined us to think it would extend there will certainly be a good Deal of Land added to Cecil County & I suppose a narrow Belt or Slipe to Baltimore County likewise & I now think there will be no great Danger of the Boundary Lines crossing Potowmack River. As a great part of the Land which will by running the West Line be taken into or added to Cæcil County will lye within the Bounds of Talbot mannour & is almost all occupied by Persons who will not easily relinquish their Possessions, I submit it to Your Consideration whether it would not be His Lordship's Interest to leave it to His Agent to prevail on them if possible by offering them long Leases to attorn & quietly become his Tenants, or if you think Ejectments can be supported & ought to be brought (for I sometime ago informed you particularly how that Mannour is circumstanced) would it not be proper for you to send the Agent express & particular Instructions with respect to it as soon as possible so that he might not act timorously & as if he was in doubt nor seem to acquiesce in the present Occupants keeping peaceable Possession. While I was up in that part of the Country I made Enquiry myself after that John Proby who sometime ago delivered or sent you the long Petition you