

Letter Bk. IV West Line from the Susquehannah Westward towards the Western Bounds of the Province, but as the Taking frequent Observations with their Sector is exceeding tedious & retards them sometimes for near three Weeks together I do not expect they will this Summer extend the Line by many Miles so far as the Country is settled which however you will perceive they are instructed to do, & farther I am apt to think they will not choose to go at any time nor indeed do the Articles or our Commission seem to require the Lines being described any farther at this time, tho one of the Articles implys that the Line is to be actually run some time or other so far Westward as the Western Limits of Pennsylvania. How far that Province extends Westward is not yet known nor has it been yet settled from what part of Delaware River The Proprietors are to begin to measure their five Degrees of Longitude, but it is supposed that Pennsylvania will extend many Miles Westward of this Province & the Distance between the Line which Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mason & Dixon are now running (when it shall be continued beyond the Meridian of the Fountain Head of Potowmack) & the Beginning of the Fortieth Degree of Latitude (which you know is the South Bound of Pennsylvania as described by its Charter) will be several Miles so that if that Part of Pennsylvania is to belong to Maryland as the Articles seem to have intended It will be necessary to have it previously ascertained from what part of the River Delaware the Proprietors of Pennsylvania are to measure their five Degrees of Longitude & actually to measure out such five Degrees before the Articles of Agreement between His Ldp & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penns can be compleatly carried into Execution, wherefore I hope His Ldp will as soon as possible signify to me for the Information of his Commissioners what they are to do more when the Surveyors shall in pursuance of the Instruction already given them have extended the West Line so far Westward as the Country is now settled. Speaking of the Pamphlet called Remarks on a Message of the Upper House you seem to think that the Journal of the Upper House returned by M<sup>r</sup> Ross the then Clerk was deficient & did not contain all the Messages which had passed between the two Houses because the Author of the Pamphlet had thought fit to allude to a Message sent by the Lower House to the Upper in the year 1739. Had I thought the Pamphlet would have been considered by those you call our Superiours as an authentic & just Account of our Transactions & not as the Production of some discontented malicious Person who conscious of the false Suggestions it contained avoided setting his Name to it I should have been more particular in my Remarks on it, but I never conceived that more Credit would