

Inhabitants on our Frontier they seem to have almost forgot all that passed during the War, & were they suffered would soon extend their Settlements even to Pittsburg. Having in my Letter to M^r Calvert given him an Account of the Proceedings of the Commissioners & Surveyors appointed to run the Divisional Lines I shall only trouble your Ldp on that head so far as to desire you will be pleased to signify to us how far the due East & West Line is to be continued Westward whether (as the Articles mention) to the Westernmost Extent of Pennsylvania, how in that Case such Westernmost Limit is to be ascertained, whether the Commissioners are to understand the Articles of Agreement in this Sense viz that all the Land that (when the abovementioned Line is continued to the Westernmost Limit of Pennsylvania) shall lye between that Line & the Beginning of the Fortyeth Degree of Latitude is to be part of Maryland which we on our part conceive was the Intention of the Agreement; By what I can learn indeed the Land thereabouts is pretty mountainous, but as the Distance Westward from the Meridian of the Fountain Head of the North Branch of Potowmack to where the Mess^{rs} Penns five Degrees of Longitude as its supposed will end is guess^t to be many Miles, & it is also several Miles from the Parallel that our Surveyors are now describing to the Beginning of the Fortyeth Degree of Latitude, that Paralelogram of Country if I may use such an Expression would probably be well worth having, & therefore your Ldp's Commissioners will be anxious to know your pleasure concerning it before their next meeting with the Pennsylvania Commissioners. Having nothing more to trouble your Ldp about at present I shall only add that I remain with the utmost Respect My Ld &c.

[Gage to Sharpe.]

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Sir,

I am to thank you for your Favor of the 28th June, and am now to acknowledge the honor of your Letter of the 20th of same month, brought here by an Accadian. I find by him that his Countrymen want a Settlement to be given them in Nova-Scotia or Canada, either on the Bay of Gaskee or Chalean, on account they say of the Fishery and that the Climate agrees with them I don't know how far it would be agreeable to Government, to grant them Settlements in those particular Provinces, but I think means may be fallen upon to render them, at least their Off-spring, useful to us. I have advised the Bearer to return to you and to tell his Countrymen to remain quiet in Maryland till they hear further from you. I shall in