

at the Meeting of the Commissioners at York Town the 16th Letter Bk.IV
Inst where Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon are to attend us. I have not for some time received any Letter from those Gentlemen but am informed by some who have been with them on the Line that having continued it so far as the North Mountain they desisted about a fortnight ago in order to take an Observation at that place. The Line they have now described has it seems crossed or intersected the Temporary Line several Times & the Spot where they broke off is supposed to be about half a Mile Southward of what was reputed to be the Temporary Line in that part of the Country for the Temporary Line was not you know ever continued so far Westward. Capt Shelby who lives near the North Mountain & went with Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon to the Top of it in order to view the Course of Potowmack says they assured him the Line when continued will not any where intersect that River & that they apprehended it would run at least eight or ten Miles to the Northward of Fort Cumberland. I shall take the liberty to send you inclosed two Letters that I lately received from Col^o Lloyd, in one of which you will observe he absolutely refuses to submit his annual Accounts to the Examination of the Gentlemen appointed by His Ldp's Instruction to examine them & will rather resign his Office than continue to hold it if his Compliance with that Instruction is insisted on, you will therefore be pleased to communicate the Substance of his Letters to My Lord so that he may know the Colonels Resolution & take such Measures thereupon as he shall think proper. With the Letters you will find a Plan of the Office proposed to be built & w^{ch} shall be set about as early in the Spring as Brick Work ought to be done so that there may be at least a proper Repository for the Reception of the Rent Rolls & other Books & Papers relative to His Ldp's Revenue & private Estate in the Province. The Letter you were pleased to favour me with the 3^d of July last was delivered to me two Days ago by M^r Howard who is going down to officiate in S^t Mary's County where the Parish called All Faiths is at present vacant, but as the Act of Parliament directs that all Presentations &c to Livings shall be written on Stamp Paper I cannot at present induct him. Should His Ldp resolve to Visit his Province in Person which I find by your Letter he has some thoughts of doing next Spring I beg the favour of you to give me as early notice as you can that I may have time to prepare for his Reception & to provide myself with another Habitation for there is no other House in Town where His Ldp can be so well accommodated as in that where I now reside tho indeed this is far from being so convenient as I could wish.