

Letter Bk. IV Parallel of Latitude for our Northern Boundary, I cannot but smile to see how vastly D^r Bevis & M^r Robinson differ in their Definition "of a true East & West Line" Had His Ldp happened to have consulted M^r Robinson & the Proprietors of Pennsylvania to have advised with D^r Bevis I much question whether the Execution of the Articles would not have been retarded by their giving contradictory opinions. I have already advised you of my having forwarded your Packett to Col^o Lloyd, what Resolution he may come to on the perusal of His Ldp's Instructions I cannot tell, he was to have been over here last week but the Indisposition of M^{rs} Lloyd I understand prevented him. I am obliged to you for the Trouble you were pleased to take in communicating to me all that passed between Yourself & M^r Dulany, I need not I presume hint to you that M^r M^cnamara is at his Devotion. I cannot find that M^r Dulany has wrote to any Person here since his Arrival in England tho they had heard from other Persons before Your Letter gave me Information of it that he was gone down to Bath. As neither His Ldp nor you tell me whether the Money you have respectively desired may be paid to M^r Bacon is intended as a free Gift to him I must beg the favour of you to inform me. The Conditions on which we all subscribed are that the Subscribers shall be repaid out of the money that the Books when printed may be sold for; It was represented to us that the Sum of about £1000 would be wanted immediately to pay for Paper, Tipes, Printing & Binding & that M^r Bacon himself could not deposit so large a Sum for those purposes, to obviate that Objection & that the work may go on a number of us agreed to advance the Money wanted on the Conditions abovementioned & thereupon the Paper &c. was as I am told sent for by M^r Jaques a merchant of this City whom M^r Bacon impowered to receive the Sums subscribed. As I could not at any price get a Pipe or two of good old Madeira Wine in the Province (for the Merchants do not import the best Sort nor keep what they do import for Sale long enough for it to meliorate) I have sent His Ldp a pipe that I imported three years ago for my own use & which I flatter myself will be found excellent, I will let His Ldp know what Sum I shall be obliged to pay for a Pipe to replace it & will if I can get one send him another good Pipe in the Summer but if His Ldp would for years to come drink Madeira in Perfection he will be pleased to signify to me his Approbation of the Proposal I have now taken the Liberty to submit to him. Of Maryland Burgundy it is not & I fear never will be in my power to send His Ldp a Hhd, the only Wine of that Sort which I ever tasted here lost in about two months after it became fit to drink both its Colour & Flavour