

Colonies a Liberty of Importing Foreign Melasses on Payment of one Penny p^r Gallon Duty; but of these yo^r Excellency shall hear further in due time.

I have lately wrote yo^r Excellency, by Lord Baltimore's Order, in favor of M^r Alkyn, at the recommendation of Lord Dartmouth, but it is not his Lordship's Intention, that it should Interfere with his Predilection to M^r Allen for whom he entertains a great Personal regard & friendship.

M^r W^m Halliday has wrote M^r Calvert a very Civil Letter declining the seat offered him at the Council Board.

On Reviewing the late Instructions sent by M^r Jordan for the future adjustment of the Receiver General's accounts, His Lordship finds he has, contrary to his Intentions, omitted the Judges of the Land Office. I therefore now enclose your Excellency an Additionall Instruction on that head, adding those Gentlemen to the Persons before named for a Standing Committee of Acco^{ts} and Constituting the Majority of the Number a Quorum. They have lately given his Lordship Intelligence of a supposed escheat by the death of Coll. Boquet, upon an Imaginary Intestacy, tho' by a Subsequent account it seems there is a will forthcoming, the Validity of which must be examined, & far be it from his Lordship to do a harsh thing. But If it should appear he has a right, those Gentlemen are referred to your Excellency to adjust the proper allowance to the Discoverer & to Determine whether to reserve, or in what other way to dispose of the Escheated Lands for the Lord Proprietarys benefit

Lord Baltimore has recēd, with great pleasure your Excellency's account of the Progress made by the Commissioners in running the Lines & hopes the new Commission, enlarging the time for another year, will have come to hand long before this reaches you. Your Excellency gives hopes of a final Completion of this great work within that time, in which his Lordship presumes you mean to Include the continuance of the Line for the remaining 150 Miles further, to the Western Limits of Pennsylvania as described by its Charter, which his Lordship is equally desirous wth Mess^{rs} Penn to have ascertained, upon that presumption, whilst the Business is in hand, His Lordship approves the setting up the Stones sent last Summer in the Tangent Line, & has directed me to acquaint you that the remaining Stones are ready to be shipped off. Captⁿ Love, who Proposes to take his Departure the begining of April, is to be with me in a few days to settle the freight and Carriage of them. Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon write that they Judge the Line will Pass about 2 miles to the North of the River Potowmack.