since in Consequence of the agreement of the Commissioners for running the division line between the Provinces of Maryland & Pennsylvania. You will see he is desirous of my speedy answer that he may regulate his proceedings according accordingly before the Indians begin their hunting; and as It is a matter of Consequence I should be much obliged to you, if you would inform me as soon as you possibly can whether you will agree to bear your proportion of the expence upon this occasion. In the mean time I am with great Regard

Sir Your most obedient & most humble Servant John Penn

His Excellency Governor Sharpe

Original.

## [Baltimore to Sharpe.]

London Feb. 16th 1767

Sir

The departure of the ships by w<sup>ch</sup> this I hope will arrive safely in the Province been fixed for Day after to morrow, I have only time to Augurate you in the first place a happy New Year & wish you a Return of many of them. As well as to acknowledge y<sup>r</sup> Letters, with some small sums for the sale of some Lands and also y<sup>r</sup> account of the Tonnage together with y<sup>r</sup> Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of December past. To w<sup>ch</sup> you will have a more circumstantial answer from my Secretary.

I am extreamly glad that the different papers relative to my Title are safe arrived & hope that M<sup>r</sup> Allen has by this time delivered you more.

The great Scope of these materials will enable you to grant as clear a title to purchasers as human Right can Afford.

I am very sorry that M<sup>r</sup> Jordan has wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Calvert relative to his claim, I expressly desired he would not & cannot but think it strange to desire a man to Release a claim if he has one and useless if he has not. M<sup>r</sup> Calverts reply thereon is very just, but with Regard to a Compensation that is nothing to the purpose of purchasers, it is thought he has no right to any land in Maryland.

As to M<sup>r</sup> Brerewoods claim, I referr it to Punch, for it is so extreamly Absurd considering all circumstances that it is to be equall'd by nothing, but the Report I am inform'd, that has been spread in the province that My Late uncle M<sup>r</sup> Calverts son was doubted to be Legitimate & consequently I had settled the province after my death on him. Whereas M<sup>r</sup> Calvert has appointed me by will, his Guardian & Executor