

These Gentlemen have likewise Introduced to his Lordship M^r James Stuart a Clergyman lately gone over to Maryland, to get a Living If he can. You may Imagine their Persuasion will scarce admit of their saying much for him, and indeed all they say of him is that they have had a very good Character of him from one of the first Gentlemen in Virginia. His Lordship leaves you to do just as you please.

But his Lordship has received another application from Lord Strange (the Eldest son of the Earl of Derby) to which he Prays your Excellencys Attention and it is in the following terms,

“Preston Lancashire The Poor man in whose favour I write held a Tenement under a Gentleman of this County for three Lives; the last Life went to Maryland, her name Mary Brereton; and under pretence of her being dead the Lessor several years ago took Possession of the Tenement. The favor I would beg of your Lordship is that you would be so kind as to procure from the Governour a Certificate, setting forth whether she be Dead or alive, and, if Dead, the time of her Death. She Lived near the Lords Manor in the County of Ann Arundel, Herring Bay Maryland.”

His Lordship has likewise received the following Representation from M^r W^m Edmiston

“In the year 1701 a large Quantity of Land was purchased of M^r Penn by a Number of Adventurers, which was located to them in the Township of West Nottingham in the lower End of Chester County nearly adjoining to what was then supposed to be the Boundary between the Provinces of Pennsylvania and Maryland; but as it appears by the late Settlement of the Line between the Two Provinces that great part of the Tract Purchased as afores^d of M^r Penn falls within the Province of Maryland my humble request is that I may obtain from my Lord Baltimore a Patent for such Part of the s^d Land as I now Inherit from my Father, who was one of the Original Purchasers and which is part of what falls into the Province of Maryland as aforesaid.”

The Agreement between the Proprietors has, I apprehend, made proper Provisions for the Case of these Settlers but M^r Edmiston's Application seems Premature till all the Proceedings are returned and Confirmed and then I Presume the Proprietors will in concurrence together find means by Gen^l Proclamation or some other Publick Act to Quiet their respective new Tenants.

One Thomas Sawyer a Journeyman Coachmaker at Epsom was Convicted of Felony on Occasion of the late Riots on the special Commission at Gloucester and sentenced to be Transported & soon afterwards obtained the Kings free Pardon