

head West is greatly to the enlargement of Dominion to Maryland, & at the same time would have extended Lord Fairfax Grant on the Virginia Side, for settling of which as to Quantum along on Potowmack Borders, was the Sole Cause of the Crown's Order in Council for a Survey of the due course of Potowmack River done exparte by Comissioners of Virginia only, I remember it well, Lord Fairfax advised the late Lord Baltimore thereof, Why he did not joyn Issue with Lord Fairfax & obtain Maryland Comiss^{rs} joyntly with the Virginians to Act in the run of the due course of Potowmack, the Maryland limits by his Charter extending to the Banks of the Virginia side, the given South West bounds of Maryland, Why his neglect is amazing! It shows the necessity of running the due East & West line that is to be the North Boundary of Maryland, as well as the South Boundary of Pensilvania to the extent of Maryland & altitude opposite to the Meridian head of Potowmack River laying in the Alagany Mountains, if not admitted at the Spring head of Wappa Comma River; if you stop short, time will plead that an Acquiescence had been to that Boundary by such stop, and great care should be had that possession be secured in that dip of Country from the North Bow of Potowmack River by Grants to the Spring-head of Potowmack River in the Alagany Mountains, 'tis better to be Defendant than Plaintiff, especially in this circumstance, as it will unravel the Chicanery of the Virginians, who will be glad to compound the matter than that Wappa Comma River be deemed Potowmack. By reasoning on the foregoing matters I have delivered the conceptions of my mind, and his Lordship has considered and approves, save as Propositions are said to be supposed, if in my discussion on the matters any thing should to your sense be assured in the cause & incoherence of my thoughts, he relys on your retification thereof by intelligence to him. As to mixt Mathematical Problems contained in your Letters to me concerning the run of the Boundary lines, you have enclosed Doctor Bevis Professor of Mathematicks solution of such Problems, in answer to you and M^r Leed's Letters to me thereon, which his Lordship directs to you and him for better Guidance. My Compliments attend him for his Letter and his Lordship is well pleased with his concern for him.

While I am writing, I have the favour of yours the 15th of February informing, that the Attorney General has accepted the Comissary's Office with resignation of the Naval Office of Anapolis to M^r Ridout, agreeable to his Lordship's instructions. Inclosed are Copys of the Lower House's Address and a Letter to the late M^r Secretary Pitt, which from impropriety of matter lays in oblivion, the names and address will