

mitted to you with a Copy of the minutes of the Maryland & Pennsylvania Commissioners Proceedings at their late Meeting when as you will be thereby informed we discharged Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon who were sent hither from England to run the Boundary Lines they having finished the Business as far as can be done at this time. When they shall have compleated their Draft which they will do in about a Fort-night They are it seems at the Expence of the Royal Society to remeasure the Tangent Line or at least a Part of it very accurately & to take some more Observations in order to ascertain precisely how many Miles are equal to a Degree of Latitude in this Climate so that they will not probably return to England before the Summer & therefore we declined making any Settlement with them at present & indeed could not well do so by reason of the Absence of the Steward that attended them who is still on the Frontiers paying some Debts that were contracted there during the Course of the Summer. As the Surveyors could not possibly compleat their Draft before the first Inst when our Commission expired we could not at this time make a Report or return our Commission to our Constituents but have agreed to meet again as soon as possible after the Receipt of a new Commission (which the Pennsylvania Gentlemen told us they had already applied for) & then I expect we shall finish every thing that remains to be done by us & that Copies of the Surveyors Draft will be transmitted by the earliest Opportunity afterwards to His Ldp & the Proprietors of Pennsylvania for their Approbation. As I do not by this Conveyance trouble His Ldp with any Letter on the Subject I desire you will be pleased to present my Respects & lay before him what will be transmitted to you & am wth great Regard.

Letter Bk. V

[Sharpe to Baltimore.]

Copy of a Letter to His Lordship. Annapolis 9th Feb^{ry} 1768.

My Lord

A Ship that was to have sailed hence at Christmas for Bristol having been caught by the Ice & detained till this time I embrace the Opportunity as no Ship is at this time ready to sail directly for London to remit Your Ldp by the way of Bristol sundry Bills of Exchange contained in the inclosed Letter & of informing Your Ldp that when we lately went to St Marys & Charles in order to set up to Sale the Mannours in those Counties so few Purchasers offered that we could only sell 2477 $\frac{3}{4}$ Acres & for that could get no more than £2200 15 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Part of which I shall remit Your Ldp Bills of Exchange by M^r Jordan who intends he tells me to embark