

Letter Bk. V five thousand Acres together not being at this time to be found vacant on this side the Allegany Mountain. If the Indians remain quiet I doubt not but His Ldp might if he pleases sell the whole within these few years at a better price than he now grants uncultivated vacant Land or if he chooses to have the level & best Parts of the Survey laid out immediately in Tenements they may I am told be leased for a Term of years at Ten Shillings p^r Annum the hundred Acres with a Condition in the Leases that the Tenants shall make thereon certain Improvements. As some Tracts of patented Land lye within the Bounds of this large Survey I have caused another of 2524 Acres to be made beyond it on a Branch of The Yoghogany near a Place called the little Meadows, imagining that His Ldp may hereafter if he pleases therewith purchase (by way of Exchange) such patented Tracts lying within the large Survey in case he should choose to erect the whole into one Mannour. In His Majestys proclamation of the 7th of Oct^r 1763 of which I send you an Extract there is a prohibition as to the Granting Lands lying Westward of the Heads of the Rivers that run into the Atlantic Ocean, wherefore the Surveyor of Frederick County does not execute any Warrant at this time beyond the Alegany Mountain nor will he do so till His Ldp shall be pleased to send Orders for that purpose. I intimated to you in my Letter dated the 11th of Feb^{ry} that in Consequence of a Complaint from the Indians a Parcel of People who had made a Settlement in the Western part of Pennsylvania at a Place called Red Stone Creek would be this Spring compelled to retire, in a late Pennsylvania Gazette is published an Act of Assembly that has been made there for that purpose & I understand the Virginians also talk of obliging the People who have settled in that Dominion beyond the Allegany to break up their Settlements, lest otherwise they should be the means of another Indian War. I am very sorry to tell you that since I wrote to you the 11th Feb^{ry} the Piece which I then told you had been published in our Gazette by M^r Allen as was alledged under the Name of a Bystander was soon followed by one signed the Querist calculated to stir up the Vestrymen & other Inhabitants of both S^t James's & this Parish against M^r Allen to which he the next Week replied under the former Signature of the Bystander but the popular Tide being already against him, the Cavalier Manner in which he treated his Antagonist tho it made many laugh was so far from serving his Cause, that the Position of Pluralities being tenable here by Laws transcendent to Acts of Assembly & the Conclusion of the next Paragraph at once interested in the Dispute All the Vestries & Numbers of warm People throughout the Province. As M^r Allen had from the time M^r