

Agency his Lordship has thought proper to place that Duty upon the Western Shore in the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Reuben Meriwether.

It has given the greatest Satisfaction to the Proprietarys of both Provinces to find the Expensive business of Running the Lines drawn so near a Conclusion and that the Commiss<sup>rs</sup> have Discharged the Surveyors for every purpose Except what remains to furnish a Compleat Plan of the Lines which have been run. I hope you have long since received the last renewed Commission. As to the particular mode of return the Proprietors have Agreed to Submit it to their Commissioners whether it sho<sup>d</sup> not be made by the Commissioners of both the Proprietors Jointly to the Prop<sup>rys</sup> of the different Provinces jointly & not separately; the Return to be signed by the Commissioners of both Provinces named in the last Commission and afterwards Signed by the Proprietarys of both Provinces here and then Entred in all the Publick Offices in both Provinces Agreeable to the Decree, all the former Commissions to be taken Notice of and the Proceedings under them Stated, the Proceedings subsequ<sup>t</sup> to the Deed of July 1760 to be returned by way of Schedule (those before that time being as apprehended sanctified by that) with a Compleat Plan of the whole work from the beginning to the end, and four parts to be made of the return, of which Two to be sent to each Proprietor.

His Lordship Observed with the greatest concern the Disputes which arose between M<sup>r</sup> Allen & the Vestry of S<sup>t</sup> James's Parish, and was still more Chagrined at the Appeale made to the Publick as it could be productive of no good Consequences to his Authority and Government to see the Principal Persons Entrusted with both Arraigned at the Bar of that Tribunal and how happy soever he may find himself in being relieved from taking any part in the Contest by M<sup>r</sup> Allen's Voluntary Cession of the Benefice & the great Provision lately made for him by your Excellency in the new Living given and which his Lordship understands to be worth £800 sterl p<sup>r</sup> annum & hopes will Crown all his Wishes. Yet you may be Assured his Lordship never would have departed from that Moderation by which his administration has ever been regulated, either by Introducing Dispensations, or Favouring Pluralitys, or enforcing any Measures in the least disagreeable to the general sense of his People, where the Preservation of his own Just rights did not render it necessary.

I am sorry to see from the Farmers Letters the great Industry which is still used to keep up the Spirit of Discord between Great Britain and her Colonys, with too much success I fear more Northerly where Matters seem already to have