

Letter Bk. IV Surveyors Minutes to the 25th of Oct^r when they broke off from the Line they had been ordered to run up the peninsula, the Pennsylvania Commissioners having since that time insisted on the Lines being continued up farther till it should have deviated at least two feet in every mile reckoning from the Middle Post. the Surveyors met at the 26 mile Post the 30th of last Month according to a proposal or rather Appointment which the Penns^a Commissioners had sent us but You will see by the inclosed Copy of the Surveyors Minute that they could not do any thing at that time & whether we shall give them any farther Instructions at our meeting the 29th of this Month at Newcastle I cannot tell as I presume we are not impowered by the Commission bearing Date the 30th of April 1761 to do any Business after the 30th of this Month, nevertheless if the Rest of the Commissioners shall think it right for us to let the Surveyors continue the Line & proceed on a Presumption that a Commission or proper powers will soon reach us I shall not object thereto as in a postscript to your Letter dated the 24th of April last you say that "With respect to prolongation of time for carrying into Execution the Boundary Lines you have now His Ldp's Consent to what Period of Time you & Governor Hamilton of Penns^a shall think most fitting to continue." Having about two months ago received a Letter from the Earl of Egremont with the Preliminary Articles of Peace I caused a Cessation of Hostilities to be forthwith proclaimed in this province agreeable to His Majesty's pleasure signified to me & am now daily expecting to receive Orders for proclaiming Peace, for by a Person who came hither last Sunday from New York we are told that a Packett was just arrived there which brought an Account that the Definitive Treaty was signed the Beginning of last February on which happy Event so much to His Majesty's Glory & the Interest of His Subjects I most heartily congratulate you. It gives me much pleasure to find by your Letter that His Ldp was well at Vienna the Beginning of the Winter, I most sincerely wish he may long continue to enjoy so good a State of Health & that every thing may contribute to render his Tour agreeable to him. It was not till lately that I heard of the Mistake which Capt Ayres's People had made in taking out of the Store of the Naval Office on Potuxent a Cask of Cheese which had been lodged there for one M^r Mason instead of the Cask of Hams which had been sent thither by my order to be dld to Capt Ayres for you, the Person to whose Care it had been recommended was ashamed to advise me of the Blunder that had been committed but I am told that as soon as it was discovered he put the Cask of Hams on board some other Ship so I suppose they have been before this time delivered to your order. I have just received by a Vessel from Madeira three