

especially by restraint, In this his Majesty's province. I have endeavoured to make an Essay of Ports and cohabitation at this place, and at the Port of William Stadt on the Eastern Shore, which are places where Trade naturally was. To come to which places I have ordered the Pensilvanians who trade by Land at the Head of the Bay, there being severall good Cart Roads between the Two Countreys, especially one which is between the Head of Bohemia River in this Countrey, and Opoquiraing Creek which runs into Delaware River a few Miles below New Castle, the Land Carriage being only about eight miles, by which they carry Boats and Shalops of 10 or 12 Tuns upon Sleys, or in great Carts: and illegal trade is much practiced that way, especially in carrying Tobaccoes into Delaware, from whence I suppose severall hundreds of Hogsheads are carried into Scotland and other places, and I believe that when strict examination is made there, it will be found that the Acts of Trade and Navigation &c are oftner broken than kept, especially the late Act. And how I have endeavoured to discharge my duty therein, your Lordships may be informed by Copys of severall proceedings in N<sup>o</sup> 4 The bounds betwixt this his Majesty's Province, and that of Pensilvania, especially in the 3 lower Countys in the Territories of New Castle are very uncertaine. In the late King James his time there was a dispute betwixt My Lord Baltimore and William Penn Esq<sup>r</sup>, and I have seen the Copy of an order of the late King James in Councill for dividing the provinces, but I don't find that the line was ever run, but severall of Pensilvania &c have endeavoured to incroach upon this his Majesty's province, but I shall not (God willing) be wanting according to my duty, to ascertain and maintaine his Majesty's Right. I believe it will be for his Majesty's service and the Interest of the Inhabitants of both provinces that the Bounds were settled. But with humble Submission I propose that they may not be adjusted, before inquiry be made in these parts about the said Bounds; for then the upper part of our Bay might be well seated, and be a check to the Pensilvanians &c. And the Inhabitants and Ships trading to this Province, who are now furnished from Pensilvania with Flower, bread, and beer, might be from them, that being a very proper soile for making those Commodities, provided one man had not above two or three hundred Acres at the most. Some persons taking up great quantities of Land both in Virginia and Maryland, and few or none of them being able to improve it all, is one great reason that the young English Natives and Servants when they are free, leave these Colonies, and goe either Southward, or Northward, for they are naturally ambitious of being Land-

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