

P. R. O. to include in the Surveys the Lands intended and Shewne them; and very often prying into, and finding faults with the old Surveys by the water Sides where the Ancient bounded trees & even the Bancks are Some tymes washt away into the Bays, and Rivers; to the Greate Disturbance, and dissatisfaction of her Ma^{ty}s Subjects, who have been put to greate Charge in asserting their just Bounds. The Assembly made an Act requiring the Lord Baltimores Agents to certifiye into the Secretarys Office the Instructions and Condicōns of Plantations with the Fees by them demanded, and obliging his Lordshippes Deputy Surveyo^rs to qualifiye themselves according to Law: And by that Act lay a forfeiture of twenty pounds on the said Agents refusing so to certifiye the said Instructions and Condicōns, and also enjoine the Said Surveyors under the penalty of One hundred pounds Sterl, not to Survey any Lands for any person whatever; untill they have taken the Oathes by Law appointed to maynteyne the Succession of the Crowne & likewise an Oath for the faithfull Execution of their Offices which had never as yet been done by any of the Said Surveyors; & is wholly Submitted to her Ma^{ty}s Royall Pleasure and Directions, in case the Lord Baltimore Shall thinke fitt to address her on that Occasion. Some disputes between the Lord Baltemore & M^r W^m Penn about their North and East bounds of this Province rendring the Estates of her Ma^{ty}s Subjects very precarious & ambiguous on those Confines, have induced the Assembly to address her Ma^{ty}e that She will be graciously pleas'd to direct the Said proprietors to run out, and Settle their Bounds, that the purchasers and takers up of Lands there may be safe in their Graunts.

My Lords. In few days with the Advice of her Ma^{ty}s Council I shall regulate and Settle the Iudicature according to the Directions of your Hon^{ble} Boarde; notwithstanding our Wayward Assembly thought it improper to be done here, without rendring any Substantiall or mannerly reason whatever, for at present our Provinciaall Court consisting of twelve Iustices is a mere Iest; tot homines tot Sententiæ, unless particular Interest draw them, not knowing any Rules to guide their Iudgem^{ts}

Notwithstanding Wee heare not from England in Seaven eight or nine Months during this Warr, the Assembly with the like Reason that they might still continue Irregular and Gainsaying, rejected M^r Dūmiers Proposals for better and more Speedy Advice & Intelligence by Way of his Pacquett Boats.

And when I proposed a Law to punish the Dispersers of false and reflecting News of Affairs in Europe, during the Warr it was deny'd by our Stiffnecked Assembly whose Rea-