

The following Report from the right Honble the Lords of Lib. X.
the Committee for Trade and foreign plantations was this day
read at the Board

The Lords of the Committee for Trade and plantations
having pursuant to his late Majestys order in Council of the
31st of May 1683 examined the matter in difference between
the Lord Baltimore and William Penn Esq^r in behalf of his
present Majesty concerning the tract of Land in America
commonly called Deleware their Lordships find that Land
intended to be Granted by the Lord Baltimores pattent was
only uncultivated and inhabited by Salvages and that this
tract of Land now in dispute was inhabited and planted by
Christians at and before the date of the Lord Baltimores
pattent as it hath been ever since to this time and Continued
as a distinct Colony from that of Maryland so that their Lord-
ships humbly offer their opinion that for Avoiding further
differences the tract of Land lying between the River and Bay
of Deleware and the Eastern Sea be adjudged to belong to
his Majesty and the other half remain to the Lord Baltimore
as Comprized within his Charter Council Chamber 7th of
November 1685

His Majesty well approving of the said Report it was
thereupon Ordered by his Majesty in Council that the said
Lands be forthwith divided accordingly whereof the said Lord
Baltimore and William Penn Esq^r together with their respect-
ive Officers whom it may concern are to take notice and give p. 60
ready and due Obedience thereto

It is evident from the above Order how Grossly many peo-
ple have erred in apprehending the Lands upon or near the
Susquehannah to be any part of those Lands which are or
ever were in difference between the Proprietors of Maryland
and Pennsylvania for those disputable Lands according to
the Letter and design of the Order in Council do lye towards
Deleware Bay and the Eastern Sea only and are no part of
those other Lands (not so much as pretended to be planted
early by Christians) which lye towards the Susquehannah and
by the order it self determined to belong unto the Lord Bal-
timore as Comprized within his Charter nor is it any
Longer to be doubted whether Maryland ought to extend
Northerly to the 40th Degree of North Latitude seing that the
Lands to the Southward of that Line and on the west Side of
the Deleware have been heretofore that is on the 20th day of
Iune 1632 Granted unto Cecilius Lord Baron of Baltimore in
as express and positive terms as words can speak the design
of the Grantor viz^t unto that part of Deleware Bay which
lieth under the 40th degree of North Latitude from the Equi-