

Lib. X. His Excellency laid before this Board a paper entituled A plain view of all that has been done or publickly talked for these twenty years last by past concerning the Boundaries of the Provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania which paper was Ordered to be read and is as follows

p. 67 Although it be certain that the Northern and Southern Boundaries of the said provinces respectively have not as yet been fixed or determined by any mutual Consent or Agreement of both the Proprietaries we are nevertheless inform'd with Great Assurance (some of the persons present being yet alive or lately were so) that so soon as Charles Lord Baltimore found that the Crown had made a Grant of the Province of Pennsylvania to the late M^r Penn his Lordship thought it Convenient for him to fix the Northern Limits of his Province of Maryland and accordingly in the year 1682 being accompanied with his Surveyor General divers Commanders of Ships and Several Gentlemen of Maryland his Lordship came up Chesopeak Bay to Susquehannah River with a Large Instrument for Astronomical Observations and fixed the said Limits as he thought fit himself at or near the mouth of Octaroe River, and from thence Caused an Easterly Line to be run by his Surveyor Gen^l unto the River Delaware, from that time it was universally Believed in Maryland that the Boundaries of that Province were limited to the Northward by the said Easterly Line from the mouth of Octaroe River, for in the year 1700 when M^r Penn was travelling from Below Annapolis to visit the Indians at Conestogoe being out of respect to his Character waited upon by divers Gentlemen Magistrates and others of the Northern parts of Maryland these Gentlemen made a Stop in the Ford of Octaroe River telling M^r Penn they had now accompanied him into his own Province and therefore desired to take their Leave but he answered he hoped they had been already in Pennsylvania long before they came to that place, all which

p. 68 expressions can be very well attested by witnesses still Living who were in that Company During M^r Pens last stay in America viz^t in the years 1700 and 1701 the Government of Maryland was then in the Crown and the Inhabitants of the two Provinces were seated so far remote from each other that there was no Occasion to talk of the Boundaries with any earnestness or Contention but soon after M^r Penns departure for England some persons of Chester County in Pennsylvania applied themselves to those called the Commissioners of Property whom M^r Pen had left in trust with his Proprietary Affairs for a Grant of that Tract of Land now called Nottingham which then appearing to be Considerably to the