

Southward of any Settlement yet made by Pennsylvania the said Commissioners of Property at first refused the Grant lest it might occasion misunderstandings and disputes between the two Governments but the parties concernd having repeated their application with great Importunities did at last with the Assistance of Henry Holingsworth then Surveyor for Chester County prove to the Commissioners that the whole Tract of Nottingham by them demanded and afterwards possed lay to the Northward of that Line from the Mouth of Octeraroe which the said Char Lord Baltimore himself had fixed as his Boundary to the Northward, and some of the Commissioners themselves being of the number of those who had accompanied M^r Pen from Maryland to Conestogoe in the year 1700 as is above related and very well remembering the above mentioned particular expressions which passed between M^r Pen and the Gentlemen of Maryland at Octeraroe Ford they Could not but think themselves as they still do very safe and Iustifiable at that time in Granting the said Tract of Land which was immediately settled by a Considerable number of people from Chester County af^d without any molestation or Objection from Maryland whatsoever but as the Successful and speedy improvem^t of the Pennsylvanians at Nottingham doubtless gave some Cause of Envy upon which the late M^r Charles Carrol then Agent for the Lord Proprietary of Maryland procured as it is said a very large Quadrant to be sent from England in Order to take a more exact Observation of the Latitude thereby to extend further if possible the above mentioned Northern Limits of that province a very great Noise was made about some Observations that had been endeavoured to be taken by the said M^r Carrol at the Head of North east River from which he pretended to extend the Northern Boundaries of Maryland considerably beyond what either the said Charles Lord Baltimore had himself fixed or any person in his Behalf had ever as yet Claimed

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But the said Astronomical Observations being as it was supposed sent by M^r Carrols Order to James Logan Agent for M^r Pen at Philadelphia as being a person not unskilled in such matters M^r Logan very carefully examined the performance but found them so much out of the way even in the Calculation of the Suns Declination as varied their work at least ten minutes which M^r Logan by a Letter under his hand to M^r Carrol offered to prove by repeating the Observation with the same Instrument under the penalty of forfeiting its Value