

Lib. X. sons where found to be seated on or near the Boundaries in question if they held their Lands by any warrant or right from my Lord Baltimore they ought not to be molested or disturb'd with any pretence of Iurisdiction from Pennsylvania and on the other hand those who held their Lands by rights formerly Granted from M^r Penn should likewise be permitted to remain under the Government of Pennsylvania until by a proper Authority the Division Line between the two Gov^{ts} be run

Governor Keith hereupon assured his Excellency that this was the very Rule which he had hitherto carefully Observ'd in Consequence whereof the Settlement at New Munster adjoining to Nottingham whose Inhabitants mightily desire to be protected by Pennsylvania and which Governor Keith has Great Reason to believe is within the Bounds of M^r Penns Grant yet because their Lands were held at present by rights from Maryland he would not hearken to their Desires nor suffer any of his Officers to molest them

Governor Keith further Observed that to proceed in this manner wou'd effectually preserve the peace amongst his Majestys Subjects and could not possibly in any sort prejudice the right of either proprietor hereafter to be determined with
 p. 74 great Respect therefore to my Lord Baltimore & a just Esteem of his Excellencys Conduct and diligent Care in the Government under his direction M^r Keith humbly requests that his Excellency will be pleased to Concur with him in the passive measures proposed until either by powers or directions from England both his Excellency and M^r Keith are sufficiently enabled or advised to proceed otherways

His Excellency continuing very much to insist upon M^r Keiths recalling those Commissions at Nottingham Governor Keith begg'd to be excused from giving any other answer at this time until he had an opportunity to advise with his Council so the matter was at present referred to the further Consideration of the respective Governors and the Councils of both provinces

Upon reading the paper above mentioned the Board Observ'd that the Compiler of the said paper laid great Stress upon the Character and Knowledge of those Gentlemen Magistrates and others of the Northern parts of Maryland who are therein said to have waited upon M^r Penn in the year 1700 as he was travelling from below Annapolis to visit the Indians at Conestogoe and being inform'd that the honble John Hall Esq^r a member of this Board was one of those Gentlemen who met M^r Penn and waited upon him at Susquehannah they gave directions that an order of Council should issue directed to the chief Iustice and the rest of the