

The Board thereupon taking the premises seriously into Consideration humbly offer it as their opinion that as the Boundaries of Maryland and Pennsylvania upon each other have from the first Settlement of the Latter appeared disputable and yet such Amicable Measures have hitherto been Concerted between the Governments of both that the peace till very lately has been preserved with that good understanding which is requisite between Neighbours Subjects of the same Crown therefore it will without a very just Cause Given be inexcusable in the Agressors to make any Violation of the same

That as our proprietor for Solid Reasons drawn from the Charters to both Provinces claimed to the Southward of Octeraroë and it had formerly always been understood by this Government that the Lord Baltimore made no claim to the Northward of that Creek or River of which better proofs may be given than some in Maryland are willing to admit of, those of this province were therefore of Opinion that to bound themselves by the same Limits the Lord Baltimore had prescribed to himself, cou'd never be the Cause of any dispute with a Governm^t with which they Laboured to maintain a perfect Amity and good Understanding

That the Settlement of Nottingham having been made by this province near twenty years ago within the Limits we Conceived to be our proprietors undoubted right and with all due Caution and tenderness not to interfere with the Claims of Maryland in Case that Tract called Talbots mannor should be reverted to the Lord proprietor and Nottingham should appear to be within the Bounds of that Mannor as is alledged from late discoveries said to be made concerning it; there is the greater Reason to expect that the Lord Baltimore as General Proprietor may be the better Satisfied to let those Inhabitants remain unmolested till such time as it shall appear whether the Country where those Lands lie shall on the full determination of the Boundaries prove truly to be his Right especially since as this Board has been informed the Enlargement of the first Grant of that Mannor being upon a very slender Consideration seems to have been regarded as a thing of little or no Value to him but as it could be Obtained out of another province by the Endeavours of the Grantee otherwise it Appears difficult to Account why the Lord Baltimore should so easily part with so vast a Tract of Land for only a Trifle.

That if the Survey and Grant of the Tract New Munster be of so Antient a date as the Letter expresses Yet it was not known nor heard of by any in this province (as far as can be discovered by this Board) for a Great many years after and

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