

B. M. three passages, one from the head of Bohemia River to Apo-
 Vol. 25. quimini which is but 8 miles from whence by sleds from
 boates they bring all manner of merchandice and run our
 tobacco from hence. There is one other passage from the
 head of Elk river to Newcastle of 16 miles beside other roads
 from the lower parts of our country towards theirs.

Memorandum: That an address was made to the Lords
 Comm^{rs} last year about the divisionall line to be settled. The
 Inhabitants of the two Provinces now seating themselves
 every year nearer the one to the other so that there is a neces-
 sity to have this done.

His Ex^{cy} desires that if M^r Pen or any other person have any-
 thing to object to him that they may put the same in writing,
 sign it and give security to prosecute the accusation that he
 may have his legal remedy against them if they fail to make it
 good. And that in such case he may have leave to come over
 sea and vindicate himself. And all his Ex^{cy}s friends are
 desired not to concern themselves about any such reports but
 only assist him in obtaining such leave for him, which if it be
 not to be done without quitting the Government he had rather
 quit that then the Vindication of his Repute and Innocence.

Memorand: That M^r Pepys now a passinger from Pensil-
 vania be called to give an account of their illegall manage-
 ment before he be taken off by M^r Pen as was M^r Jones

Memorand: That upon representing his Ma^{ty}s intrest in
 these Colonys by securing the River Ohio spiritu santo or
 Mesachippi it now appears by Father Hannapins account and
 the monthly mercury of Jan. last that there was reason [for]
 it tho' a certain person ridicul'd it because was not concern'd
 in representing it. It now appears that there is a necessity
 to consider how to prevent the French king's design which
 apparently tends to compass us in round and to lay an Am-
 bush behind all the Kings Colonys on the Continent of Am-
 erica. It seems that the French Kings design can only be
 obviated either by open force or by sending directions to all
 his Ma^{ty}s Governours in these plantations to carry on a Trade
 with the Indians westward on this Continent to the same
 places and Indians on the Lakes; not that the King be put to
 charge but that he be pleased to give encouragement to such
 as shall open a free trade with them, but still under instruc-
 tions only from his Ma^{ty} to such company or companys of
 undertakers as shall be form'd in his Governments, and to
 make the trade free and easy by his charters.