

Lib. J. R. about one hundred and forty miles inland from the Bay  
& U. S. grows pretty mountainous, the whole Country is well watered, and abounds with fine navigable Rivers, the soil varies as it does in England, in general is fertile, and produces every kind of Grain as well as Hemp flax, and Tobacco. The Summers here are sometimes very warm, the Winters short, but often very cold, the longest Day in this Climate is about fourteen Hours fifty Minutes, the shortest about nine Hours and nine Minutes. Annapolis the Metropolis of this province by the best Observation yet taken has been found to lie in the thirty eight Degrees forty eight Minutes North Latitude and by Computation is about seventy six Degrees, thirty Minutes West longitude from London. The Spaniards have no Settlements near the Borders of Maryland, the French fort du Quesne on the Ohio is supposed to be 70 Miles from its North West Extremity. By the Charter granted to Cecilius Lord Baltimore by King Charles the first the 20<sup>th</sup> of June in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of his Reign Maryland is thus described "All that part of a peninsula between the Ocean on the East and the Bay of Chesopeak on the West, and divided from the other part thereof by a right Line, drawn from the promontory or Cape of Land called Watkins' point (situate in the aforesaid Bay near the River Wighco) on the West, unto the main Ocean on the East, & between that Bound on the South, unto that part of Delaware Bay or River on the North which lieth under the fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude from the Equinoctial where new England ends, and all that Tract of Land between the Bounds aforesaid, that is to say passing from the aforesaid Bay or River called Delaware in a right Line by the degree aforesaid unto the true Meridian of the first fountain of the River Powtowmack, and from thence tending towards the South unto the further Bank of the aforesaid River and following the West and South Side thereof unto a certain place called Cinquack situate near the mouth of the said River where it falls into the Bay of Chesapeak, and from thence by a straight Line unto the aforesaid promontory or place called Watkins' point.

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Concerning that part of the peninsula which lies to the Eastward, a Dispute is now depending between the Lord Baltimore, and Messieurs penns proprietaries of pensilvania nor are the Boundaries on the northward as yet fixed between Maryland and pensilvania but a temporary Line for the present quieting the Disturbances on the Borders of each province hath been run by Order of his Majesty from the East Side of the River Susquehanna Eastward, and from the West Side of Susquehanna Westward, in such a manner as that the Line ran Eastward from Susquehanna is fifteen