

1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1757. The Merch<sup>ts</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Russell, Anderson & Buchanon to whom I delivered my dispatches say, safe conveyance must have been to my Let<sup>rs</sup> by their ships arrival to the Province, that the reason of not having Answers as yet may proceed by their ships late arrival last year. I therefore enter not into particular Detail of mine, trusting all have not lost their passage.

Inclosed is a Copy of the Maryland Charter Exemplified from the Rolls-office. The Cause of being sent is, M<sup>r</sup> Boardley Att<sup>y</sup> Gen. writes none such of Authority is in the Province to support his Lord<sup>ps</sup> Rights. My Lord Desiers you'l Deposit it in the proper office of Governm<sup>t</sup> attendant when requisit.

Inclosed are Minets of the Proceedings of the Maryland & Pensilvania Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>rs</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> running the Due East & West Line from Fenwick Island a Cross the Peninsula to the Bay of Chesopeak & for fixing a Meridian Line on the East & West Line to run up to the 12 Miles Circle off Newcastle North<sup>ds</sup> as a Division Line of the Peninsula East & West, agreeable to the order of the King & Council in 1685; the East side to the Crown, the West to Maryland. My Lord being Determined to finish Letigation at Law with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penn's endless in Dispute De Novo to seek Cape Hinlopen w<sup>h</sup> the Maryland Commissioners settled at Fenwick Island & tho' Injudiciously, he being Desirous of Quiet & Peace is resolved to agree to it, & to settle all matters with the Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penns agreeable to His Father's Articles of Agreem<sup>t</sup> However, a Material Doubt arising as appears by the Maryland Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>rs</sup> Whether the East Line from Fenwick Island the West Point shou<sup>d</sup> determine on Taylor's & James Islands? lying in Chesopeak Bay. The Pensilvania Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>rs</sup> insist they are not Islands that it is Land to the main Land of the Peninsula: It can be only Determin'd by Depth of Water be<sup>t</sup> each Land, if Vessels of Burthen can sail be<sup>t</sup> that proved by Traffick or on Tryal under Oath made Evident, then they are Islands. The Land Office must be search'd for Grants concerning How Grant'd? if Deem'd otherways than Islands at any time Grant'd? The Copies of such Grants must be Certify'd under the Great Seal. & all things relative to bear Test in Court of Law. Be please to show M<sup>r</sup> Emorey the Plan inclosed, it is delivered My Lord by M<sup>r</sup> Paris Attor<sup>y</sup> to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penns; seems Plan'd in part the runing the East & West Line on the Peninsula; desire him to Certifye if he knows it. & what it is? it has no Seale, his Name's to it joint with the Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>rs</sup> of Pensilvania, Lastly is required that you transmitt a List of proper Persons by Name capable