

& fitting to execute & truly to adjust the runing laying & determining the Lines when Agreed here be^t the Parties to be carry'd into Execution & what will be Necessary for that Purpose? My Lord Desiers the favour of no Delay, But that these matters may be by you dispatch'd to him as soon as possible.

The 2^d of Decem^r last, I rec^d a Let^r from M^r Pownal Sec^y of Trade to attend their Lord^p of the Board on the 7th of that Instant, on an Act passed by the Colony of Virginia, for Erecting a light House at Cape Henry & saying, as it appear'd to their Lord^{ps} that the Act may from the Tenor of it be construed to Effect the Interest of the Proprietor of the Province of Maryland & also the Interest of the Inhabitants thereof, therefore their Lord^{ps} will be ready to hear on that Day any thing you may have to offer upon it I return'd Answ^r for the Honour of Notice & wo^d on the behalf of the Proprietor of Maryland attend concern^s the Tenor of the Virginia Act. The Mor^s for Attendance I rec^d a Let^t from M^r Pownal, that their Lord^{ps} had postponed the hearing on that Matter. The Material Objection I had to propound ag^t the Tenor of the Act was, its Effect to the Colony of Maryland under the Legislative Authority Enact'd by Virginia, the Act laying a Duty on all Vessels going in & out the Bay of Chesopeak in Maryland, passing by the Light House at Cape Henry, Subject to a Duty by Authority of that Province; therefore the Lord Proprietor of Maryland hoped their Lord^{ps} indulgence not to concur for the immediate Royal Assent to the Act, without hearing His Lord^{ps} & the People of Maryland, w^h at present the short warning of their Lord^{ps} prevent'd not being furnish'd with proper Defence. That the most early step wo^d be taken to laye before their Lord^{ps} the sense of the Proprietor with relation to the Act, How it might Effect his Right as well with regard from the People of Maryland their Interest. The Utility & real Necessity of a Light House at Cape Henry for ships safety, at the Enterance of the Atlantick Ocean seems truly Usefull to Both Provinces, Equally concern'd. This appearing so, My Lord Desiers you'l recommend to the Maryland Assembly to adjust the affair amicably with Virginia, otherwise tis thought an Act of Parliament will be obtain'd to settle the Difference on a matter so secure to Navigation. If by Parliament done, it is subjecting Maryland to paye a Duty by Proposition from Virginia & may be attended with Subsequent Dutys towards further suppose—on Application only by Virginia. This is of Consequence to Maryland as to Consider, Impost on Traffick; therefore best amicably to