

Tis Extraordinary No Journal of proceedings of the Commiss<sup>rs</sup> that run the Line from Fenwick Island to Chesopeak Bay, you Note M<sup>r</sup> Jenings brought it home, that no Copy remains in the Province tis very peculiar no Record there to recourse to on so important a transaction, under Cognizance & Direction of the Court of Chancery, very Remiss in the Commiss<sup>rs</sup> of Maryland to Subject a Dissolution of Evidence to the unfortunate Articles of agreem<sup>t</sup> with Pensilvania: A Chaos of matter infolded, & many years Litigated at Law, dependant on the late Gov<sup>r</sup> Ogle for Evidence from the Province. Large Sums by the late Proprietor paid to the Commiss<sup>rs</sup> & Expended as by Acco<sup>ts</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Tasker then the Recev<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & brought to hearing in Chancery, there defficiant of Evidence, the late Proprietor Non-Suit'd. Thus circumstanced, his Lord<sup>p</sup> thinks it most adviseable to Acquies to the Articles of Agreem<sup>t</sup> of which you will e<sup>r</sup> long hear, therefore needless in the Province of further Expen<sup>ce</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> that Line.

I have the Power of Attor<sup>y</sup> from young M<sup>r</sup> Ogle & have deliver'd your Letter to y<sup>r</sup> Brother Joshua Sharpe. M<sup>r</sup> Tasker has transmitted His Acco<sup>t</sup> with Hyde & Lord Baltimore deceased, tish't Satisfactory to John Hyde Claimant, he threaten's Suit ag<sup>t</sup> My Lord.

M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd writes word of a Certain Ric<sup>d</sup> Cooper being Convict'd of Man Slaughter by w<sup>h</sup> his Estate Personal became forfeited to My Lord Also that Jn<sup>o</sup> Vining a Gentleman of Interest & influence being a Prothonotary of the Com<sup>on</sup> Pleas in that part that is call'd the three Lower Counties of Pensilvania, had contrived to have Ten slaves w<sup>h</sup> were at the time of Cooper's conviction the Property of the said Ric<sup>d</sup> Cooper, Clandestinly carried into Kent or Delaware, where the said Vining lives, Also that the sheriff of Dorchester County one Daniel Sulivane had undertaken of his own accord to sell & dispose of the said Negroes or 9 of them to the said Vining at an Under rate viz. 245£ Pensilvania Curr<sup>y</sup> & this with<sup>t</sup> any Power or Authority from M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd w<sup>h</sup> had occasion'd him as Agent to cause Replevin to be Issued for the same; This being in Court some time before matters cou'd be ripe for Trial, the latter End of last Month (Sept) he went up to the Cause & on talking with the Attor<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Chew who had the management of Vining's Cause & Vining himself, he brought him to offer 325£ Our Curr<sup>y</sup> (w<sup>h</sup> is better than Pensilvania money) w<sup>h</sup> he thought on full enquiry was the full value of the slaves & therefore agree'd to Accept it. Now the Remark on this Case is, How is it, M<sup>r</sup> Attor<sup>y</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> his Lord<sup>p</sup> in a Cause of his Property? As to