

Cutting off the Springheads of his Lordship's Rivers to be East of the Division Line from the Middle Line running up North to the Periphery of the 12 miles Circle off Newcastle; If the Mischief is so as by you sent, he will not recede from it, he is too knowing; he inadvertently show'd me his Chart of the Peninsula, on which was described run of the Middle Line up to the Periphery of the 12 Miles Circle off New Castle, this was before the Articles agreed, what says I, will you gain all these Rivers Heads, says he, most certain; It gave me much Happiness on your first return of the run of the Division Line up North, that he had Humbuged himself; Now turns on his Lordship, and will be of great commercial Loss to his Province by Trade carried and Smugled to Philadelphia Market, where the Price is Higher and traffick easier carried to the West Indies, and to gain the produce of Maryland, they will make the Spring heads of such Rivers Navigable, Build Store Houses and cut channels from the Head of those Creeks making out of Delaware; As to any Stop How can it be? Can his Lordship or his Assembly stop the Act of Navigation? No, they will have a right to coast in his Bay of Chesopeak and enterance of such Rivers whose Spring heads lay in their Territory, they will not bait an Ace, money will not tempt, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Penn knows his Views. No man of Integrity and of real Mathematical abilities capable is to be found here to be engaged to direct and superintend the work of running the Lines there; M<sup>r</sup> Penn has mentioned such a Design to me, I have the same to Doctor Bevis, they have enquired, none of real Character will Accept. Now as I am on this Subject, I tremble for the North Line, least the West End should fall into the North most Bow of Potowmack River, what an immense Territory will be cut off if so from Maryland, the Line to commence distance fifteen miles South of Philadelphia City, the agreement of the late Lord's with the Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penns without his Least Knowledge of and concerning the North most Bound of Potowmack; when I reflect on Governor Ogle and the then Administration of his Lordship's Government I amaze! Your Brother John told me, from them he had gain'd no Intelligence, their Neglect of Evidence he said reduced his Lordship's Chancery Suit with the Messieurs Penns to a Dismission on his Side. Relative to the Commissioners and Surveyors last operation, I now transmit you Doctor Bevis's Answers. It is all I can say at present, the Expence is very Considerable by your Account already about £1400 Sterling, No doubt of your frugality the Best, you must go on, what can't be helped must be endured. Stop.