

February 23^d 1774 Lib. No. 86

At a Meeting of the Board of Revenue. Present

His Excellency Robert Eden, Esq^r

The Hon. { Benedict Calvert }
 { Daniel Dulany } Esq^{rs}
 { & George Steuart }

The Board proceed to take under Consideration the Petition of Thomas French relative to taking of the Reserve to the Westward of Fort Cumberland, except Lands actually Surveyed and Certificates thereof returned for the use of the Lord Proprietary.

It appearing to the Board that the late Lord Proprietary was desirous of having 10000 Acres of Land laid off in that part of the Province for a Manor, in order to secure the same Col^o Sharpe, then Governor, had thought proper to lay a general Reserve until such manor should be ascertained which had not yet been done, but that in lieu thereof Five different Tracts had been actually Surveyed and Certificates thereof returned containing in the whole the quantity of 127680 Acres of Land. The Board are of opinion, that the further consideration of the Petition should be postponed and a previous enquiry made into the Reasons for enlarging the quantity after which they will again meet, and determine the said Petition. p. 119

The Petition of James Clendenning was read, setting forth that he had become a Purchaser and made payment for part of the Reserve in Baltimore County as under Lease for ninety nine years and for which he exhibited Deeds from Abraham Jarrett, Steward of said Reserve, to a certain Andrew Armstrong reciting said Leases, but that on examination he had found the quantity not only fall short but that 104 Acres part thereof had never been granted by Lease to said Jarrett and prays this Board to grant him such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem meet. The Board being informed that the aforesaid Abraham Jarrett had made a purchase of a considerable quantity of Leased Land & Vacancy, part of the above Reserve, under a Commission from the late Lord Proprietary and being desirous of doing Justice by redressing the Petitioner as far as in their Power, are pleased to order the Surveyor of Baltimore County to examine his Plats & Field notes and compare them with the Claims of the said Clendenning in order to ascertain whether the whole or any part thereof shall be found to lie within said Jarrett's Purchase, & in such case, unless he can Justify his Conduct, on payment of the purchase money the said Clendenning to have a prefer-