

Lib. No. 86 Patents upon them, the parties complying with all the Requisites required by the Conditions of Plantations; It is inconsistent with the Honour & Justice of the Proprietor to refuse Grants to confirm the Titles of those who purchased Lands lately, any more than to those who were Purchasers formerly, under the same Conditions; it becomes neither you nor me to confine the Proprietor's limits of the Province, the Charter gives him to the Fortieth Degree of North Latitude, then West until it intersects a Meridian from the first Fountain of Patowmack, and for his Officers to confine him within narrower bounds is unreasonable, especially as the late Proprietor has been lately at the Expence of running a Line to the head of the South Branch of that River & when the Virginians
 p. 130 hear that the Proprietor's Officers in Maryland doubt of the extention of his Limits, it will be an encouragement to them to begin to throw Stones, which I never heard that they had yet done, nor can I conceive that his Majesty, who is all Justice, could think of making a Reserve by Proclamation of Lands granted by his Royal Ancestors to any of his Subjects much less to Sir George Calvert who was the Grantor's Favourite and faithful Minister. Therefore upon the whole, I must in Justice to the People who purchased Warrants lately, issue Patents to them, as to others under the same Circumstances. I shall lay your Letter before the Governor and the Board of Revenue and if they think me wrong I shall submit to their better Judgment, we all mean to promote the Proprietor's Interest, we only have different sentiments as to the means to be pursued for that purpose, I know your Zeal for the common Cause, my endeavours shall not be wanting to lend a helping Hand & am

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To the Hon: Dan^l of S^t Tho^s Jenifer Esq^r

May 9th 1774 .

Sir

I am sorry that the request I made, in my Letter of the 29th Ult^o should be thought improper, or wrong. It is true, that you & M^r Calvert gave me a private intimation of the Governor's Intention, and both pronounced the measure to be
 p. 131 wrong, and at the same time you must Remember that you & M^r Calvert agreed, the Agent could not refuse Warrant to any Person that applied for it, I thought so too, and believe if I had done it, it would have been the first Instance, Locations not being made in my Office. How far it became your Duty, to issue Warrants directing the Surveyor to survey Lands to the westward of Fort Cumberland, I cannot pretend to dispute