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that bounds on the south, and that part of Delaware Bay on the North, which lyeth under the fortieth degree northern Latitude from the Equinoctial where New England's East &c. In which Description the Boundaries thereof evidences the Kings Royal Intention that they should extend North beyond Delaware Bay, which was then understood to reach to the 40th Degree of Northern Latitude and was so described by the charts of those times; and tho' upon more exact observation it may be discovered that the Bay don't reach so far North, yet it is natural to conclude, that the North part of the Bay was by the said Charter intended to be the North part of the Boundary of Maryland, which was confirmed to be so, by the subsequent Grant of Pensilvania dated the 4th of March 1680 and by the Ancestors of Lord Baltimore.

I am now to desire your Thoughts concerning the 12 miles Circle round New Castle. If said Pensilvania by the Grant for it, is bounded, on the East, by the River Delaware, and on the South by a Circle Drawn at 12. miles Distance from the Town of New Castle Northward and westward (that is by the Northward and westward parts of that Circle) unto the beginning of the 40th Degree of northern Latitude, then by a straight Line &c. which seems perfectly to agree with the above mentioned Bounds of Maryland.

And in the years 1681. and 1682, numbers of industrious People with their Family's and Estates by favour of the said Grant went over to Pensilvania and settled themselves, making Large Improvements and beginning at the southern Bounds of the Province on Delaware River as the Bounds before described; and about the year 1683. Lord Baltimore then in Maryland, caused a Line to be Run and marked about 6 or 8. Miles more northerly than the above mentioned Bounds, as his northerly Boundary at that time; which the Pensilvanians never made any grant or settlement to the Southward thereof until the Year 1712 when by a large Astronomical Instrument sent over by them for that Purpose, and by another like Instrument after that time sent over by the late Lord Baltimore, observations