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Here is one Mr. Brookes in London, called Doctor, he has been to wait upon me, and find by him he has practiced Surgery in Maryland. The intercourse between us has been with civility, he has wrote me a Letter lately professing much Esteem for me, but as my being concern'd in Transactions of Affairs for my Nephew, and he expecting daily to act as agent concerning Remonstrances coming from Maryland, in which he shall do (as he calls it) his Country Service, is afraid it will break off all further Correspondence between us: what he means I know not: however, if true, it shows there are some ill designing People, who are consulting to disturb the Quiet and Peace of the Affairs belonging to the Province; and of which I apprise you for your Inquiry, as also to let me know the character of the said Dr. Brookes.

Inclosed is a Copy of Messieurs Penns petition to the King in Council concerning the South Bounds of Pensilvania, which if fairly Run, I think will meet with no obstructions either from the Lord Proprietary or the Inhabitants of Maryland; however as the Maryland Northern Boundaries are not specified in the said Petition, so as to desire Commissioners to act in concert with commissioners for Pensylvania; and the said petition having been referred to the Lords for Trade and Plantations. The Lord Proprietarys Guardians have in that office entered their caveat thereto; as a means to be heard as to what shall be relative to run the said south Boundary of Pensilvania, in regard as it may effect the North Boundary of Maryland; which I inclose to you for your private Satisfaction and all those concern'd in the Establishment of the proper Boundaries between the two Provinces, and I hope a Prelude to the Penns being convinced that the late Lord's articles of agreement with them concerning all Boundaries between the said Provinces, is void, by reason of the late Lord's Marriage Settlement, so as not to bind the present