

Delaware River from 12 miles Distance Northwards of
 Newcastle Town unto the three and fortieth Degree of
 Northern Latitude if ~~the~~ said River doth extend so far
 Northwards but if the said River shall not extend so far
 Northward then by the said River so far as it doth extend
 and from the Head of the said River the Eastern Bounds
 were to be determined by a meridian Line to be drawn from
 the Head of the said River unto the said 43^d Degree the
 said Lands to extend westwards 5 Degrees in Longitude
 to be computed from the said Eastern Bounds and the said
 Lands to be bounded on the North by the beginning of the
 43^d Degree of Northern Latitude and on the South by
 a Circle drawn at 12 Miles distance from Newcastle
 Northwards and Westwards unto the beginning of the 40th
 Degree of Northern Latitude and then by a straight
 Line Westwards to the Limit of Longitude above mention'd

That the said Lord Baltimore the Grantee of the said
 Province of Maryland and the succeeding Proprietors there
 of did as your Petitioners are well informed from time
 to time expend Great sums of Money in settling the
 said Province and in bringing the cultivation of To-
 bacco to perfection there, whereby the Trade and
 Revenue of this Kingdom have gained and still
 Daily receive very great Augmentations.

But unfortunately for both Proprietors, from the
 Proximity of the two Provinces, and for want of an
 early Division and Separation of the one from the other by
 certain Metes and Bounds Disputes arose between the
 said William the Grantee of Pennsylvania and Lord Baltimore
 the then Proprietor of Maryland and which has ever since sub-
 sisted touching the Boundarys of the said respective Provinces
 in respect to the Northern Boundary of Maryland (which by the
 said subsequent Grant to Pennsylvania was to make the Southern
 Limits