

(Limits of that Province) also with regard to the 40th Degree 21
of Northern Latitude granted by the Maryland Charter - and
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Circle directed to be drawn by the Pennsylvania Charter
at 12. miles distance from Newcastle, and likewise with
regard to several large Tracts of Land called the 3. Lower
counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex, which the Proprietors
of Maryland have always insisted to be comprized within
the limits of the Maryland Grant, but to which as your
Petitioners have been informed the Proprietors of Maryland
Pennsylvania set up some presented claim supported only (as
the Proprietor of Maryland hath always insisted) by usurpation
and by taking an unjust advantage of the legal disabilities
and Incapacitys in the Proprietors of Maryland, which induced
the Crown soon after the Revolution to resume the Exercise
and Administration of the said Province into their own hands
where it continued till his late Majestys Reign..

That various Applications have been repeatedly made
by the Proprietors of Maryland for the Interposition of the Crown
to examine into the said Pretensions of the Proprietors of Pen-
sylvania and to ascertain the Boundaries of the said two Provinces
agreeable to their respective charter Rights, and the Crown have
been graciously pleased upon many occasions to give a Hearing
to their Complaints and to make temporary and Provisional
orders relating to the Disputes between the said two Provinces
and the late Lord Baltimore did so lately as in August 1739.
apply by Petition to his Majesty for the Royal orders and
Directions for ascertaining the Bounds of his said Province
as between Maryland and Pennsylvania and particularly in-
sisting under the said charter on his Right to the whole
40th Degree of Northern Latitude and the said 3. Lower Counties
of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, and upon a Reference of that
Petition to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners
of Trade