

immediately bordering upon Pennsylvania and the Northern Boundary of which Province makes the Southern Boundary of Pennsylvania and which is one of the Boundaries expressly Croyd to be run ~~out~~ and ascertained by the said Petition and those Parts of the Boundaries of Pennsylvania which border on Maryland are the only Parts of the Boundaries of Pennsylvania touching which as your Petitioners are informed any Disputes have ever arose.

That the Principal Argument suggested by the petition in support of what is prayed by it, is the necessity of fixing a Settlement on the back Part of Pennsylvania to make a Frontier against the French and to carry on Trade with the Indians, and, if that was really all the Petitioners meant, the running the Northern Boundary only of that Province would as your Petitioners humbly apprehend sufficiently answer that Purpose and which would not as your petitioners apprehend immediately interfere with the Lord Baltimore's Rights. But your Petitioners apprehend it to be impracticable to run either the Southern Boundary of Pennsylvania or the said Meridian Line without at the same time and as a necessary consequence thereof fixing and ascertaining the Northern Boundary of Maryland which may affect the Rights insisted on by Lord Baltimore with regard to the Circle to be drawn at 12. Mile Distance from Newcastle and to the three Lower Counties called Newcastle, Kent and Sussex, and as the Particular Boundaries between Maryland and Pennsylvania have been so long the subject of Litigation, your Petitioners humbly hope your Excellencies will not order the Boundaries of Pennsylvania to be run as prayed by the said petition or order any Commission to issue for that Purpose on the application of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania only in Exclusion of their Neighbour and Prior Grantee the Proprietor