

I cannot at present Prophecy how all will End; 'tis wrapp'd up in the womb of time. In fear of Accidents, 'tis best to be on Guard, prepared. . . . and in order thereto, Yours of the 14th of September comes reasonable in compliance to mine of the 15th of May last, wherein by Collections & Observations you have sent relative to the mutual Bounds of the two Provinces, by way of Description may be of service; But for want of more substantial Proofs & certain Land Marks &c. ascertain'd, His Lordship is not reasonably so well apprized of his Rights & Pretensions, as to be able to fix on any Plan for a Treaty just on his Arrival at age; which he hoped from the Tenor of my Epistles to the Chiefs of his Province, he should have obtain'd ere now, such Requisites matter & things as to be of real service to enable him to have perfected a thorough Completion of so important an Affair; and he requires & desires you will lose no time in transmitting such Dispatches to him.

My Lord has been in Expectation of receiving a Plan of Annapolis according to your Promise & of which he observes you have failed him; As to his Rights that might appear to him by an exact survey, he was not apprized of it, nor of neither. for I protest I never heard there were any such Pretences 'til now you state them; however he does expect and require of you, that you transmit him the best survey you can obtain for his Pleasure & private satisfaction; he being desirous thereby to know the situation & Parts of the city that may deserve an Ornament from his Munificence.

By Yours of the 20th & 29th of September You say with regard to the mutual Pretensions of the Proprietors, upon the foot & Directions of the charters, and which Mr. Swager thinks must be the Rule of settling the Bounds. . . . I am & have always been of that opinion, that the visible marks are so certain to be found & the order of Council in 1605 to determinable, that I am amazed