

Pennsylvania in enquiring and finding out the fortieth Degree of
Northern Latitude and according thereto to settle and fix certain
Fixed Marks between the frontiers of Maryland and Pennsylvania
which should for the future be the perpetual Bounds of the prov:
aforesaid pursuant to the express Words in our Charter of Maryland
and in the said William Penn's Charter of Pennsylvania; to which
Commands of our most Gracious Sovereign We have on our part
expressed a most willing Obedience by sending (in the said Penn's
Absence) our Agents to meet with his full power and positive
Instructions; to join with them in taking Observations and laying
out the line according to his Majesty's ~~Commands~~ ^{by Commands} which meetings
have not only been disappointed by the Agents of the said William
Penn contrary to their promises under their Hands and Seals,
but his Majesty's Injunctions most Notoriously and Contemptuously
Slighted; which Actions of theirs have been since approved of by
Proprietary Penn. as may appear by several of his Letters to Us;
Whereupon We do manifest Our most loyal and Dutiful respect to
his Majesty and how it was not through any Neglect of Ours
that his Orders concerning a Joint Observation were not in all
Respects Punctually Observed caused two Observations to be taken at
two several times and an East and West line accordingly to be
run out and marked at great disadvantage to Ourselves, being some
Miles to the Southward of the Northern Latitude of Fortieth
Degree: We do therefore hereby require you with all convenient speed
to take with you such and so many persons to Accompany
and Attend you, as you shall think convenient, and to repair as
Our Agent to the said Governor of Pennsylvania and of him
to demand in Our Name, and to Our Use the delivery of all the
Land upon the West Side of Delaware River and Bay, and the
Sea board side to the ~~Fortieth~~ ^{the fortieth} Degree of Northern Latitude, and
more particularly all that part thereof which lyeth to the
Southward of the marked line aforesaid. All the said Land being