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The Magistrates and others of Cecil County in Maryland  
relating to the settlement at Nottingham and the place  
whereby the said settlement is to be within the Jurisdiction  
of Maryland it was observed that Governor Keith in his  
late Commission of the Peace for the County of Chester  
in Pennsylvania had upon his seal August 2nd for the Town  
of Nottingham in his warrant that the said Town  
was within <sup>the Jurisdiction of</sup> the County of Chester his Excellency  
thereon in behalf of my Lord Baltimore and in defense  
of his Lordships just rights sets forth that the said Town  
of Nottingham had frequently been taxed by the  
Magistrates of Cecil County that a great part of the In-  
habitants of Nottingham had petitioned him to take them  
under the protection of my Lord Baltimore's Government  
and that as he was fully convinced from several Records  
and other places that the situation of Nottingham aforesaid  
now lay under the Bounds of my Lord's  
Grant from the Crown he could not but insist upon it that  
Governor Keith would be pleased to withdraw his said Com-  
mission for Justice of the Peace at Nottingham and all  
other Marks of Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania there  
Col. French who from his long Residence in that  
Neighborhood was perfectly well acquainted with the  
Settlement at Nottingham said that about sixteen years  
ago the said Settlement nearly six miles Penn's Order  
Surveyed and divided into lots four of which he had  
Received to himself and granted most of the rest to the  
Proactive settlers by regular warrants which was the  
only instance of right whereby they now hold them  
that they had always from the Beginning of their Set-  
tlement