

said and had been said as Inhabitants of the County of
 Chester in Pennsylvania and that until the Great Dis-
 :pute about the Division Line between my Lord Baltimore
 :more and M^o Penn could be perfectly adjusted he humbly
 :conceived there was only one Rule to be exactly observed in
 the mean time in order to preserve the publick peace and
 make all Parties easy viz^t that whenever persons were
 found to be settled over near the Boundaries in question if
 they held their Lands by any warrant or right from my
 Lord Baltimore they ^{ought} not to be molested or disturbed with
 any pretence of Jurisdiction from Pennsylvania and on
 the other hand those who held their Lands by rights formerly
 Granted from M^o Penn should likewise be permitted to
 remain under the Government of Pennsylvania until by
 a proper Authority the Division Line between the two Gov^{ts}
 be run

Governor Keith hereupon assured his Excellency that
 this was the very Rule which he had hitherto carefully Ob-
 :served in consequence whereof the Settlement at New Mans-
 :ter adjoining to Nottingham whose Inhabitants mighte-
 :ly desire to be protected by Pennsylvania and which Governor
 Keith has great Reason to believe is within the Bounds
 of M^o Penns Grant yet because their Lands were held at
 present by rights from Maryland he would not hearken
 to their Demands nor suffer any of his Officers to molest them

Governor Keith further Observed that to proceed
 in this manner would effectually preserve the peace amongst
 his Majesty's Subjects and could not possibly in any sort
 prejudice the right of either Proprietor hereafter to be determined