

with great respect therefore to my Lord Baltimore &  
 a just Esteem of his Excellency's conduct and diligent Care  
 in the Government under his direction Mr Smith humbly  
 requests that his Excellency will be pleased to concur with  
 him in the purpose mentioned proposed until either by  
 some order or directions from England both his Excellency  
 and Mr Smith are sufficiently enabled or advised to pro-  
 ceed otherwise

His Excellency concerning very much to insist  
 upon Mr Smith recalling these Commissions at Nottingham  
 that Governor Smith begged to be excused from giving any  
 other answer at this time until he had an opportunity  
 to advise with his Council so the matter was at present  
 referred to the further consideration of the respective Governors  
 and the Councils of both provinces

Upon reading the paper above mentioned the Board  
 observed that the Compiler of the said paper had great Steps  
 upon the Character and Knowledge of those Gentlemen  
 Magistrates and others of the Northern parts of Maryland  
 and it was thereupon said to have waited upon Mr Penn  
 in the year 1700 as he was travelling from below Annapolis  
 to visit the Indians at Conestogoe and being informed  
 that the honorable John Hall Esq a member of this Board  
 names of these Gentlemen returned Mr Penn and  
 waited upon him at Susquehanna where they gave directions  
 that an order of Council should be directed to the Chief  
 Justice and the rest of the Justices in Baltimore County  
 to take the deposition of the said John Hall Esq relating  
 to these matters in Pursuance whereof the . . . . .