

Distance from the River appears to reason  
 that those Boundaries when the General Title of the Proprietors  
 to the Lands is called <sup>if they fall to Maryland</sup> should be adjudged by disinterested  
 persons and that in the mean time the people possessors  
 Pennsylvania rights while they dispute not Marylanders  
 of theirs should hold them peacefully and be left to make  
 their Terms if the Proprietors should fail to make them  
 for them upon the General Decision

That as it appears that Isaac Taylor was taken  
 by the Officers of Maryland only for Surveying to the  
 Westward of the Line to which this Province has  
 been said always Claimed, some certain Lands at the  
 Request of their possessors that had never been granted  
 or Surveyed by Maryland and Elisha Gatchell upon an  
 Action grounded on a Falshood with a design to try them  
 for their supposed Crimes by a Court of Maryland  
 it is evident that as the whole Controversy turns upon  
 the Boundaries in which neither Province can be  
 impartial and therefore are not to be allowed Judges in  
 the Case to press these men to such a trial is no better than  
 determining it by Force which is inconsistent with all  
 that can be accounted Legal

That the Case being the same in General in all  
 these disputes it is inconsistent with the duty of all those  
 Concern'd in Government to give way to any measure  
 so incompatible with the maintainance of the Peace  
 of his Majesty's Subjects committed to their care as  
 these Proceedings in their nature appear to be that to  
 allow of them would throw both Provinces into a State