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improper to defer putting it in Execution for a Year or two till we can get the fees arising from Trade Licences (which amount to a very considerable Sum annually) appropriated to the Proprietors use. The impracticability of advancing the Quit Rents to Ten Shillings a Hundred Acres Col^d Loyd has so fully acquainted You with that I presume it would be superfluous for me to enlarge on that Topick or on the inconveniences that must follow a Prefusal of Land to those who will not oblige themselves to settle a certain Number of Persons on it within a time specified, while Land in Virginia can be procured on much easier Terms than it is in Maryland at present granted. That the Proprietors of Pennsylvania procure such an advanced Price for their Land as was mentioned in His L^{ds} Instructions I find has been owing, to their permitting the Germans who were prevailed on at the first Settlement of that Province to import themselves continually in very large Numbers to settle on & cultivate what Land they pleased, but as their possessions were not secured to them by patent, when considerable improvements had been made in 1732 or thereabouts the Proprietors made the demand of about 19 1/2 L^{ns} Quit Money & 4:1^s Quit Rent which rather than relinquish their cultivated Plantations, the Proprietors submitted to pay. Tho' much dissatisfied therewith; & that People will take up Land in Pennsylvania at so high a Rate, at this time

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