

must be accounted for from its being rendered much more valuable than any in Maryland by the great Demand for its Produce which is owing to the vast increase of Inhabitants as well as the surprising Expatriation from Philadelphia — Mr Tisher's Reasons for having disposed of His Ld's Lands at so low a Rate You will see in his Answer to a Lett^r which in pursuance of my Instructions I sent Him on that affair —

On consulting with the Gent^l of the Council, whether it would be proper to issue such Proclamation, as would prevent the Papers of Surplusage Lands contained in former Surveys, procuring Grants of such Land unless they would make discovery of & take out Patent for the same within a certain limited time, I was advised to postpone it till His Ld^{sh} could be informed that many Persons induced heretofore by similar Proclamations after the elapse of such limited time, made discovery of Surplusage Lands, expecting one third of the Land so discovered according to the Conditions proposed in the Proclamation, but were disappointed by the Attorney General's (W. Dulaney) being obliged to drop many Bills which He had filed in Chancery, for the Recovery of such Surplusage; the Alteration of the Original Tract (w^{ch} was laid out by Meters & Boundes & not by Course & Distance) in numerous Parcels, making it impossible to decree from which & in what manner the Surplusage should be taken; besides the People