

purpose in any part of the Province, except in Frederick County²⁷
near the Frontiers, & there are two Mannours surveyed & reserved
in that County, already; if I should by any inquiries get knowledge
of Vacancy which will answer that End, or Land contiguous fit
to be added to the Mannours already laid out & erected, I will
punctually obey your Lordships Instructions — Your Ld's
Expectations of having what Land remains vacant in the more
populous parts of the Country sold off at more advanced prices,
cannot I am afraid, be answered as much as I wish; The
Method always followed here of locating Land warrants by
selecting the most rich & fertile Land without regarding any
regularity of its Area, or making one of its Courses coincide
with the Boundary of the adjacent prior patented Tract, has
left the Land hitherto remaining Vacant & uncultivated, in
such irregular small & incommodious parcels that it is thought
scarcely worth any ones while but those on whose Possessions it
joins, to take it up even at the common Rate. I observed in a
Letter to your Ld's Secretary, soon after my arrival that in
some of the Counties there is supposed to be a considerable
Number of Acres, for which your Ld receives no Rent, ~~of~~
(except the parcels just mentioned & some very poor Land not
taken up) comes under the Denomination of Surplus or unculti-
vated Vacancy; for the more easy discovery of which I at that time
submitted to your Ld's Consideration, whether it would not be
an advisable Step to survey one or two of the smaller Counties,
where there appears the greatest Disproportion between the Rents
paid your Ld & the Quantity of Land cultivated & possessed.

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