

however the Occupiers are frequently making Resurveys & taking up the vacant cultivated Land, for which is paid according to the Improvements made thereon, & as they ^{can} agree with the Agent to whom I have communicated my Instructions on this Head & desired He will comply as much as possible with your Lord's pleasure thereby signified — I have taken this Opportunity of transmitting a Short History of Delaware River & the Dutch & Swedish Settlements thereon before the Date of the Duke of York's ~~Grant~~ for the Three Lower Counties, The History I got compiled from some Extracts from the Records of New York, with hopes that it might obviate some Objections that have been advanced against your Lord's Title to the Lands on that Bay & River —

I have endeavoured as much as possible to acquaint myself with the Circumstances & Occasion of the Murder committed by Wittsmitter on the disputed Boundaries, the Identical Spot where the Fact was committed Mr Diggs insists & brings Evidence to support him was included within the Courses ran by the Surveyor when the Land was first taken up, but on having recourse to the Land Office whether all Land Warrants are after Execution returned & entered, it manifestly appears that that Spot is not included within the Bounds as is there plotted & described, & Stevenson the Officer who first surveyed the Land, avers & contends that He never ran other Courses than were returned to the Land Office; This is all I can yet discover of the Affair; The Question at present is whether some Witnesses that Mr Diggs can produce will invalidate Stevenson's Testimony; Turn that out as it may yet as the Pennsylvania's had procured a Copy of the
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