

that Preference might be more easily had to any thing New or extraordinary  
by them Enacted I have according to His Ldps<sup>s</sup> pleasure, now inclosed therewith  
a few Sheets containing Observations on several of them, according to the  
Order in which they follow each other in the Book covered with Marble  
Paper. — Advising with His Ldps<sup>s</sup> Agent & the Judge of the Land  
Office about having parcels of Land surveyed in the several Counties  
& erected into Mannours I was informed that there is not a Tract of  
Land unless one that I have a prospect of discovering in the lower  
part of the Eastern Shore & the Barrens extensive enough to answer  
that purpose in any part of the Province except in Frederick  
County near the Frontiers & there are two Mannours surveyed &  
reserved in that County already: If I should by any inquiries get  
knowledge of Vacancy that will answer that End, or Land contiguous  
& fit to be added to the Mannours already laid out & erected, I will  
punctually obey His Ldps<sup>s</sup> ~~Direction~~ Instructions. — His Ldps<sup>s</sup>  
Expectations of having what Land remains vacant in the more populous  
parts of the Country sold off at more advanced Prices I am afraid  
cannot be answered as much as I wish: The method always followed  
here of Locating Land warrants by selecting the most rich & fertile Spots  
without regarding any regularity of Area or making one of its Courses  
coincide with the Boundary of the adjacent prior-patented Tract has  
left the Land that now remains 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 soon after my  
Arrival that in some of the Counties there is supposed to be a conside-  
-rable Number of Acres for which His Ldps<sup>s</sup> receives no Rent, this  
(except the parcels just mentioned & some very poor Land not taken up)  
comes under the Denomination of Surplus or cultivated Vacancy  
for