

Land as lay together worth having but afterwards finding the Particulars  
and had or were about to make Surveys on & deprive him of some of the  
Land on which he had made Improvements or as he contends that having  
then first discovered the Error in the Surveyors Return He in 1745  
applied for a Warrant of Resurvey from the Maryland Land Office to  
secure his improvements & add to his Tract as it was then entered in  
the Land Records 3679 Acres more, This Warrant the Agent not  
being acquainted with the Patentees intention to make an Addition  
to His possessions of Land northward of the Temporary Line & having  
before given the Surveyor general Orders not to make any Surveys  
beyond such Limits) without hesitation granted, & it was on this additional  
resurveyed Land that the Murder was committed — I was very  
uneasy at not being able to transmit the Rent Books more speedily  
but have taken care to have as many as were completed sent by this same  
convoiance & hope the Rent Rolls for the remaining Counties will be  
prepared to transmit by a very early opportunity. The plan you  
favoured me with for the Collection of the Quit Rents by the respective  
Sheriffs should have been immediately put in execution had it not been  
absolutely impracticable in the short time that intervened between my  
Arrival & the Expiration of the Term for which the former Precedents had  
engaged: Several of the Sheriffs in Office were not able to give sufficient  
Security for the due & punctual payment of them to His Dops Agent  
& to have displaced them at that time so suddenly would very probably  
have been their entire Ruin which I was persuaded was far from Yours  
or His Dops desire or design. I have consented therefore to the farming  
all the Quit Rents (except in two Counties on the Eastern Shore for which  
no person could be prevailed on to engage) for the Term of two Years at  
15% Ct. which sets them on such a Footing as not to leave room for