

to procure them by any means; for that purpose I engaged him
as he had before rendered his Service & as he seemed to be
somewhat acquainted with the Controversy, which no Person
here of any Capacity whose Business could have permitted
his Absence on so distant Service seems to be: But to be as
secure as possible against any Deceit, I thought proper to
order him to attend whatever could be collected from the said
Records after the Manner you have I hope seen this morn^g, w^{ch}
I thought would deprive him of the power of falsifying, while
the Interpreter a Man of good Character at New York was
also to authenticate the Quotations in the same manner. Upon
this Service much more Money than I expected would be
 requisite was expended for the most part in discharging the
Fees of the Office & the Expence of the Interpreter: but the
Conclusion of your Paragraph on advancing Money for the
future, I shall well observe & be always careful how I subject
His L^{dy} to any Expences without having first received
his permission or Order. — I have not by me a Copy of that
Abstract; but if I well remember that "Hypothesis of his" that
L^d Baltimore & Mess^{rs} Penns at the time of executing the
Articles, considered the South Boundary of Pennsylvania by the
Patent to be in the Latitude 39° is laid down in order to
draw therefrom a Conclusion in His L^{dy}'s favour concerning
a Tract of Land west of the Fountain of Potomack
I apprehend that he might have been led to think what