

be by them ceded, to Ld Baltimore, in Lieu of what He  
had given up elsewhere. ——— Least I should not have  
been accurate or particular enough in a former Letter which  
the Tenor of His Ldps Answer by his Instructions gives me  
reason to fear I was not; before I give Orders for surveying  
more than one of the Counties I must desire your Advice on  
that matter. By Surveying the Counties I only meant running  
the Out-Lines & observing the principal Rivers & Streams,  
not running the Courses of or resurveying every Patentees Land  
(which last Operation or Process I am doubtful is expected but  
that would cost a very considerable Sum) & by comparing the  
Number of Acres in each County (which may be known by  
my intended Survey) with the Number of Acres patented from  
the Office & charged in the Rent-Rolls, I thought one should  
discover in the Course what Quantity of Land was yet vacant or  
occupied without the Occupants paying any Acknowledgment  
for the same; & by our making this publick that People would  
be induced to examine & look out for such vacant Lands &  
take out Patent for the same; this was my Scheme & it would  
be executed at the Expence I mentioned or a little more; which  
if His Ldp approves of it shall immediately be put in  
execution. ——— I have taken this Opportunity of transmitting  
Copies of the Laws that were enacted in the two Sessions of Assembly  
held last February & May as also Copies of the Proceedings of  
both Houses of Assembly at a Session held according to prorogation.