

the Line was the Boundary of Maryland the Commissioners that were appointed by the Crown to examine it determined otherwise. The Virginians will most certainly oppose any Alteration or Resettlement Lord Fairfax is indifferent & no Survey can at this time be easily made within 80 Miles of the South Branch by less than a Body of 100 or 200 Men. What Measures then can be taken to settle that Boundary to your Ldps Satisfaction at present I know not but shall gladly & readily take any Step that your Ldps shall judge proper or be pleased to approve of. Whether Mr Jones's Services merit a greater Reward than the valuable Living he has long held & enjoyed in Cecil County I submit to your Lordship but think it my Duty to intimate that I believe he would never have requested such a Favor for his Son in Law directly of your Lordship if he had not despaired of succeeding with me on Account of his past Conduct, what that has been I leave your Ldps to judge from the inclosed Petition which is copied from one that Mr Jones & many other such Equites handed about among their Parishioners & got them to subscribe & present to their respective Representatives in Assembly during the late Session. I here I cannot help observing & I hope your Ldps will excuse me for it that Mr Jones is not the first Gentl^{man} that having good reason for not apprizing me of his Intention has addressed & applied himself directly to your Ldps or to his Lord for Preferment, & thereby laid me under great Difficulties on Account of Promises that I might have made, as I think it my Duty always to obey every Letter or Intimation that has the least Appearance of a Command or Instruction from either your Ldps or to always give your Ldps will not I hope doubt my most punctual Obedience to your Instructions concerning the Act of Parliament lately made for raising Troops in these Colonies & your Ldps will I flatter myself believe that no Endeavours shall be wanting on my part to promote the Majesty's Service on every Occasion. I have been some Weeks at this place with about 150 Men raised by Virtue of our late Act of Assembly constructing a Fort