

submit & always think what he determines right & most proper. I need not  
I hope repeat my Desire to serve Mr Thomas because I think he deserves  
to be taken Notice of; I hope an Opportunity will sometime offer, that  
I shall have it in my Power to shew that I have a real Regard for him.  
If You will please to recur to my Letter dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept: 1759  
1753 You will find that I at that time said as much as Mr Jones  
pretends to have discovered & more than he can possibly know about the  
two Branches of Potowmack. As I did not receive Your Favour of the  
17<sup>th</sup> of April 1754 till after Mr Washington's Defeat, & till it would have  
been both dangerous & expensive to explore or survey either of the Branches  
of that River, No Step has been taken to discover or determine  
the Longitude or Meridian of their respective Fountains neither is  
there any Prospect of its being done yet a long time without  
the greatest hazard but if it be agreeable to His Ldys to have any  
thing done in that Business, be pleased to signify them that I may  
execute His Ldys Commands — That Bill of Partons I will  
get renewed & return it You as soon as possible. Neither Mr  
Plater nor Mr Stewart could make up their Accounts or receive the  
Fees due to them till this Month, on my Return to Annapolis I  
will comply with Your Request concerning them & will also give Mr  
Washer such a Hint as You desire. Mr Meyers I have not seen some  
time, he has I hear been much indisposed & I am afraid is not quite so  
temperate as his Father might wish. Mr Bidout has intimated to him  
that his Father is anxious to hear from him & advised him to be  
punctual in his Correspondence — herewith You receive the Journal  
of the Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly during the last  
Session: the Laws I hear are in the Press & I hope will be ready  
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