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Farmers can most conveniently attend on or meet him & where
Recourse might on occasion be most readily had to the Land
Records, This place then can be no other than Annapolis because
here all the Records are kept & hitherto all the Sheriffs (who are
now the Farmers) are obliged to come three or four Times a Year
to make their Returns to the Provincial Courts & to pay the Excise
& Land Tax to the Commissioners of the Loan Office. There
are many Conveniences or Advantages besides that arise from the
Sheepers of the Eastern Shore, Brent Rolles residing on the shore wth
it would be tedious to enumerate but which Experience has discovered
while the Impropriety of a Sheper of the Western Shore, Brent Rolles
residing on the Eastern Shore is exceedingly obvious, & I may add
likewise that if the Agent was also to become an Inhabitant of this
City there would not be often such Delay in doing Business as
there must necessarily be at present — As M^r Tilghman for
Reasons best known to himself did while he was in Office enter
in the Books the Names of a great many Tracts of Land that
either lie in Penn^a, in some other County, are included in some
Resurvey or that never did perhaps exist. The Question therefore
was whether any & what Allowances should be made to the Farm-
ers for Lands that might be so circumstanced & till this Question
was determined the Brent Rolles were likely to continue in a State
of Confusion because the Farmers would not come to a Settlement
Colo. Loyd being prevailed on to come over towards the latter End of
the Session I embraced the Opportunity as soon as the Assembly was
prorogued & agreeable to his L^{dy}'s Instructions desired the Secretary

Judge