

in Virginia whence the Owners & Masters expect they will be conveyed
to Europe by some or other of the King's Ships that may be returning
from the River St. Lawrence, I embrace the Opportunity to acknowledge
the Receipt of your two Letters dated the 20 of June & 11 of July, the
last of which was brought to me the 19 of Sept. by an Express from
Phila. together with the Articles of Agreement (that have been entered
into by His Lordship & the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania for Running Divi:
sional Lines between their respective Territories) The Lord Proprietors
Commission appointing myself & six other Gentlemen Commissioners on
His Ldps Behalf for carrying the said Articles of Agreement into Execu:
tion, & His Ldps Instruction dated the 8 of July empowering me to draw
on his Agent & Receiver General for such Sums as may be wanted to
Defray the Expences which will be occasioned by Running the Divi:
sional Lines agreed on. For an Account of what has been already
done by me & some of the other Commissioners since the Receipt of
His Ldps Commission, I beg Leave to refer you to the inclosed Nar:
rative, thinking it will be better from time to time to acquaint you
in that manner or by way of Journal with our Proceedings relative to
the Execution of that Business than to communicate to you any Thing
concerning it in Letters which may contain Advice about various Matters
of a different Nature. Messrs. Otley & Cooke, the Gentlemen whom you
were pleased to introduce to me, by your Letter dated the 20 of June
having waited on me about a fortnight ago, & presented it, I failed not
to receive them kindly & assured them of my Readiness to Courtesance
& serve them on all Occasions: Having been detained some time on
Potowmack where their Vessel was obliged to Discharge Part of her Cargo
they would not be prevailed on to make any Stay in Annapolis, but
proceeded