

To Lord Baltimore. Annapolis. the 20th Dec: 1760. 147

My Lord

In the Letter which I had the honour to address to Your L^{ty} the 18th of Oct: I acknowledged the Receipt of the Articles of Agreement which Your L^{ty} was pleased to enter into the 2^d of July last with the Proprietors of Pennsylvania & I also intimated that Your L^{ty}s Commissioners would probably be able to meet the Pennsylvania Commissioners the Beginning of the ensuing Month & together with them proceed to carry the said Articles into Execution agreeable to the Directions of the Commission which had been transmitted to me. So what it was owing that the Commissioners did not meet & proceed to Business before the 1st of Nov: Your L^{ty} will learn from the Narrative continued which I now send to Mr Calvert, & what was done by Us after we did meet will appear by a Copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners which I shall herewith transmit to be laid before Your L^{ty}. as Mr Gulany declined going to meet the Pennsylvania Commissioners because as he alledged his Health was not thoroughly established & Mr Malcolm was so sickly & infirm that he could not at such a Season venture from home, I issued a Commission appointing Mr Midout a Commissioner on Your L^{ty}s behalf in the stead of Col: Tashers in the room of Mr Malcolm I appointed Mr John Leeds a Commissioner being of Opinion that his Knowledge in the Mathematicks would in Mr Malcolm's Absence be of Service to Us as I really think it was, tho he was but in an ill State of Health when he went from home & was sensible that he should suffer some Inconvenience thereby he did not leave Us till we all agreed to break up. Whether more able Mathematicians may be of Opinion that the Plan or Scheme which we have agreed to pursue in order to find the Course of the Tangent & the Point of Contact is a more tedious & a more expensive One than might have been followed if we could have had the Assistance of able Astronomers & a proper Apparatus or Instruments for taking Observations at the Center of Newcastle & the Middle Point of the Line that was run in 1751 from Fenwick's Island I cannot tell, but if the Surveyors can run the Meridian