

determine & say that this Line, after whatever manner it was run, should be
ever deemed & taken to be a true East & West Line, I am apprehensive that
his Decree may by the Pennsylvania Gent^{rs} be urged as a Reason why the
North Boundary or due East & West Line (that is to be run from a Point
lying 15 Miles South of the Southernmost Part of Philadelphia) should
be run after the same manner; but was that to be the Case & such a Method
to be adopted, that Line instead of running clear of Potomack, would
certainly intersect or cut that River below the Mouth of Tonoloways Creek
& a Gore or Triangle of Land whose Base would perhaps be three or four
Miles & its Legs or sides so must in such Case fall Northward of the
Divisional Line notwithstanding it would lie to the Southward of a
Parallel of Latitude drawn from a Point lying at the Distance of 15
Statute Miles from Philadelphia. Whether any of the Commissioners who
attended on behalf of Your L^{ds} Father at the Time the Line was run
from Seneca's Island were aware that a Line run in the manner which that
was run by Stakes set off at Right Angles with a Meridian & ranged in
a straight Line would deviate from a Parallel of Latitude I do not
know, the Pennsylvania Gent^{rs} allege that Mr Jennings & they think
the other Maryland Commissioners were apprized of it as well as they
themselves were; but Col^l Henry & Mr Poff who acted then as Commissio-
ners, & Mr Malcolm who attended as an Assistant say they do not remember
that the Matter was ever mentioned to them or taken into Consideration. Be
that as it will Your L^{ds} has not I understand suffered any Detriment
by that Line having been run in such a manner for tho' by that means
the Middle Point of it may be several Perches more South than it ought
(that is to the Southward of the Point where it was begun) yet as that
Part of Seneca's Island where it happened to terminate is some Perches more
Easterly than is that Part of the Island where the Line would have terminated
had it not deviated or declined from a Parallel of Latitude; what is now