

when as you will be thereby informed we discharged Mess^{rs} Mason & Dixon who were sent hither from England to run the Boundary Lines they having finished the Business as far as can be done at this time. When they shall have completed their Draft which they will do in about a Fortnight they are it seems at the Expence of the Royal Society to remeasure the Tangent Line, or at least a Part of it very accurately & to take some more Observations in order to ascertain precisely how many Miles are equal to a Degree of Latitude in this Climate, so that they will not probably return to England before the Summer & therefore we declined making any Settlement with them at present indeed could not well do so by reason of the Absence of the Stewards that attended them who is still on the Frontiers paying some Debts that were contracted there during the Course of the Summer. As the Surveyors could not possibly complete their Draft before the first of Nov when our Commission expired we could not at this time make a Report or return our Commission to our Constituents but have agreed to meet again as soon as possible after the Receipt of a new Commission (which the Pennsylvania Gentlemen told us they had already applied for) & then I expect we shall finish every thing that remains to be done by us & that Copies of the Surveys & the Draft will be transmitted by the earliest Opportunity afterwards to His Ldp & the Proprietors of Pennsylvania for their Approbation. As I do not by this Conveyance trouble His Ldp with any Letter on the Subject I desire you will be pleased to present my Respects & lay before him what will be transmitted to you as a great Request.

Copy of a Letter to His Lordship. Annapolis 9 Febr'y 1760

My Lord I Ship that was to have sailed hence at Christmas for Bristol having been caught by the Ice & detained till this time I embrace the Opportunity as no Ship is at this time ready to sail directly for London to remit your Ldp by the Way of Bristol sundry Bills of Exchange contained in the inclosed Letter & of informing your Ldp that when we lately went to St. Marys & Charles in order to set up to Sale the Mannours in those Counties so few Purchasers offered that we could only sell 2477 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres & for that could get no more than £2200, 15, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Part of which I shall remit your Ldp Bills of Exchange by Mr Jordan who intends he tells me to embark for England the latter End of next Month. We have at last finished with Col^o Lloyd at least so far as was possible there being still many Outstanding Debts to be collected & in order that he may collect them himself it was our Opinion that he had better continue in the Agency till next Michaelmas before which time your Ldp will be pleased to send a Commission & full Powers to such Gentleman