

to the Line that divides Pennsylvania from this Province & Westward so far as to include the Eastern Ridges of the Allegany Mountain. Some of the Land included is I am informed very good, other Parcels indifferent, a good deal hilly & broken, the Reason I ordered so large a Quantity to be included was that it might be at His Ldps Choice to have either one or more Manors laid out, because the good Land does not lie contiguous but in parcels a quantity of good Land so large as four or five thousand Acres together not being at this time to be found vacant on this side the Allegany Mountain. If the Indians remain quiet I doubt not but His Ldp might if he pleases sell the whole within those few Years at a better price than he now grants uncultivated vacant Land or if he chooses to have the level & best Parts of the Survey laid out immediately in Tenements they may I am told be leased for a Term of Years at Ten Shillings Annuum the hundred Acres with a Condition in the Leases that the Tenants shall make thereon certain Improvements. As some Tracts of patented Land lie within the Bounds of this large Survey I have caused another of 2524 Acres to be made beyond it on a Branch of the Monongahony near a Place called the little Meadows, imagining that His Ldp may hereafter if he pleases therewith purchase (by way of Exchange) such patented Tracts lying within the large Survey in case he should choose to erect the whole into one Manour. In His Majestys Proclamation of the 7 of Oct 1763 of which I send You an Extract there is a prohibition as to the Granting Lands lying Westward of the Heads of the Rivers that run into the Atlantic Ocean, wherefore the Surveyor of Frederick County does not execute any Warrant at this time beyond the Allegany Mountain nor will he do so till His Ldp shall be pleased to send Orders for that purpose. I intimated to You in my Letter dated the 11 of Feby that in consequence of a Complaint from the Indians a Parcel of People who had made a Settlement in the Western part of Pennsylvania at a Place called Red Stone Creek would be this Spring compelled to retire, in a late Pennsylvania Gazette is published an Act of Assembly that has been made there for that purpose & I understand the Virginians also talk of obliging the People who have settled in that Dominion beyond the Allegany to break up their Settlements, lest otherwise they should be the Means of another Indian War. I am very sorry to