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Bureau of Topographical Eng^s
Washington Oct. 24th 1849

Sir

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Governor Thomas of Maryland. You will repair to Annapolis as soon as you can, and confer with him and the Commissioners in reference to the duty, which relates to the configuration of certain points in the boundary between the States of Maryland Delaware and Pennsylvania.

The officers now attached to you, and any instruments under your care or in the possession of the Bureau can be used, but expenses of all other kinds connected with the examination will have to be met by the parties interested in the survey. Having completed the duty, you will make a full report thereof to this office.

Respectfully Sir
Yours obt. Serv^t
G. S. Abert
Col. Corps of E.

Col. J. D. Graham
Corps of Eng^s.
Washington

November 10th 1849 Received of John N. Watkins, Governor Thomas's order on the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland for one hundred dollars to be applied by me in payment of expenses &c. in ascertaining the boundary & repairing the same where Pennsylvania Delaware & Maryland join each other &c. &c.

(Signed) G. S. Key
Comm^r on the part of the State of Maryland
New Castle Nov. 10th 1849

Dear Sir

Above is my acct. in accordance with your letter rec^d this morning. Col. Graham had the substance of the extracts you enclosed, he went to Philadelphia to day, and will join us in Washington on Monday. When with the Commissioners, we will all review the field of our labors. I have seen enough stones on the Peninsular or Tangent line, also on the curve & the intersections of the due North line with the curve where the three states join each other and the intersections of the due North line with the East & West line or parallel of latitude where Pennsylvania & Maryland join at the North East corner, that I am satisfied the whole work can be done by Geodetic operation & have prepared with the assistance of assistants who approve my plan, a series of instructions, that are as approved by Col. Graham that they will be adopted by our board after they have seen all that I have seen. I mention this as Mr. Riddle's anxiety to have this survey run, has induced him to offer amendments, that Col. G. will say are not necessary for accuracy. With Col. Grove & others I am anxious to think I have seen the Tangent stone & others that will facilitate our work, my associates have only looked at the stones connected with the intersection of the circle
(S. H. S.)