

of the narrow strip of land above, on which Delaware looks with a covetous eye at her neighbour Pennsylvania. The Radius must be taken for granted, if we disturb it we run out of well established points, the whole work from the Cape up will be deranged & the Supreme Court would disturb the well established limits, with which we entered the Confederacy & Union. All will come out right. Correct, practical instructions, scientific execution & reports of action, with maps & explanations all embodied in Col. Graham's report to his Department, who will furnish each Commissioner with the whole matter for our reports to our respective Governors to be laid before their respective legislatures. We may get Mason & Dixon's book published by order of Congress. The Bureau will be pleased to show its patronage for science, we talked of the legislature of Maryland, but it may as well be done by Congress - Col. Graham approves the notion of this as feasible. I am writing for the information of the Governor as to what we are doing, & for his consideration of our suggestion as to Mason & Dixon's Books, & the getting it at the Land Office - It may be well to say nothing out of the Executive Department about it till the plan is matured, a becoming reference to it may produce a call for it. With great respect & esteem for the Governor

I am most respectfully

(Signed) J. D. Graham

John McK. Watkins Esq.

Secretary of State &c.

Washington & New Castle (Del) will be our future head quarters, tho' I may sometimes be in Elkton.

Newark Del.

Novem: 20th 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that we have completed a preliminary survey of the boundaries of the three States from the 79th mile of Mason & Dixon's line on the North East corner of Maryland, and that every monument there described in their report has been found in position within that distance, except one but which was placed at the North East Corner of Maryland.

We found the monument at the largest point, with the one of Land Full more and the small marked trees, the four monuments on the line of the circle, the monument at the point of junction of the three States and three monuments on the line North line in position. Some of these from the lapse of time since they were placed, have become thrown from their erect position & when they shall have been adjusted, under the Supervision of the Commissioners so as rest firm & erect upon their proper points, we shall complete the survey, and lay down every thing within the sections named upon a map, to be made in duplicate for the States interested.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

(Signed) J. D. Graham

His Excellency,
Philip H. Thomas
Governor of Maryland