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I have this Day received a letter from Mr. John Hanson Deputy Surveyor of Frederick County, by which I am informed that he has surveyed for John Swan, Walter Hanson Juniper, & Andrew Scott, nine Tracts of Land to the Westward of Port Cumberland, containing in the whole Three Thousand Acres. As the Land Office has been shut for several years, and very few in the Province, precluded, ^{the} making Surveys in that part of the Country; I must beg and insist, on behalf of the Lord Proprietors that you do not make out Patents for ^{any of} the above mentioned Lands, nor Patents for any Lands surveyed or to be surveyed to any other Person to the Westward of Port Cumberland, until his Lordship's Measure be fully known. I have also received Information that James Brooks, Robert Smith Jonathan Boucher, Thomas Johnson, Junr. Anthony Stewart, James Delghman, David Stewart & others, have made or are actually now making surveys not only to the Westward of Port Cumberland, but have located Warrants to the Westward of a Meridian Line drawn from the head of the North Branch of Potomack River to its intersection of the West Line, run between Maryland & Pennsylvania & even have proceeded in their Locations to the Westward of the Allegany Mountains, against his Majesty's express command by ^{his} Proclamation issued the 7th October 1763. You must be very sensible that the Proprietors noble Predecessors have cautiously avoided giving any offence by granting Lands to the Westward of the Line settled