

between the Crown and Lord Fairfax, for altho' there cannot be a  
doubt, but the Fountain Head of the South Branch, was the  
Spot intended where the Meridian Line was to be set off as  
the Western Boundary of Maryland; yet, I presume, they  
waited for a favourable Opportunity of bringing this Matter  
before the King in Council, when there would not be the  
least doubt of his Majesty's Equity & Justice: That time  
appears now not to be far off; for as the Pennsylvanians  
have imprisoned an Officer acting under Commissions from  
Lord Dunmore, and his Lordship in return hath caused  
three Magistrates acting under Commissions from Governor  
Penn to be arrested and carried to Williamsburgh; it is very  
likely that these Steps may very soon bring the Attention  
of those Governments before his Majesty in Council,  
where only they can be settled. Should this be the Case,  
it would be a favourable time for the Proprietor to put  
in his Claim to all the Land lying to the Eastward of a  
Meridian drawn from the head Spring of the South  
Branch 'til it intersected the West Line run between  
Maryland and Pennsylvania - From these appearances  
I think it highly improper for the Proprietor or his Officer  
to throw the first Stone by granting Lands over the Allegheny  
Mountains; nor is it in my Opinion just or equitable  
that the Office should have been opened for granting Land  
to the Westward of Port Cumberland, before the back  
Inhabitants, who stood the Point of two Indian Wars  
(and some of whom I have heard obtained Warrants with