

is an answer, prevented my writing to you sooner, I told you
it contained an improper request and that I thought you in
the wrong, in this perhaps I may be mistaken, however I mean
well & friendly - It was from Mr. Calvert I first heard that the
Governor intended to order warrants to be issued to the Lieutenant
of Northumberland, both of us waited on you that I instantly
informed you of it, and at the same time told you that we
could not consent with our Instructions if we any warrant
until you had certified that the Section Money was paid,
when you had done that it became our Duty to issue
warrants, and when the Surveyors return Certificates of
the execution of them, it is no less our Duty to make
out Patents upon them, the Parties complying with all
the Requisites required by the Conditions of Plantations;
It is inconsistent with the Honour & Justice of the Proprietors
to refuse Grants to confirm the Titles of those who pur-
chased Lands lately, any more than to those who were
Purchasers formerly, under the same Conditions; it be-
comes neither you nor me to confine the Proprietors
limits of the Province, the Charter gives him to the
Tenth Degree of North Latitude, then west until it
intersects a Meridian from the first Fountain of Patow-
mack, and for his Officers to confine him within nar-
rower bounds is unreasonable, especially as the late
Proprietor has been lately at the expense of running a
Line to the head of the South Branch of that River &
when the Virginians hear that the Proprietors Officers in