

Two Thousand Families have since settled in Pennsylvania beyond the Alleghany, under Titles from the Proprietaries, & above double that number in other parts of America over the same Range — When for Reasons of public Utility the Order of 1763 was notified, a compliance with it was decent & proper that we do not imagine that it could, or was meant to abridge the Right of the Proprietor under the Charter of Maryland; and it seems to be a groundless Fear that an immediate exercise of this Right may give offence to the Crown, after the Order of 1763. has been in the most explicit Terms superseded by the subsequent Proclamation, and so many Thousand Families have been permitted to settle beyond the Mountains, in the neighbouring Colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania. These Settlements we apprehend have been greatly disadvantageous to the Proprietary Interest, and the temptation given to many People to emigrate from hence in search of Lands on easy Terms will, if not speedily removed, prove very detrimental to the future Improvement of the Province —

As to the second, We presume that the former Proprietors were not inclined to enter into Contests with the Crown, but this Intimation seems to imply that some measures or Instructions indicative of a peculiar Caution, have been pursued or given with which we are totally unacquainted, nor do we perceive how the late Dispute between the Colonies of Virginia & Pennsylvania, which has no relation to the limits of this Province, will afford an opportunity of representing the Proprietors Claims with which we are