

or Grants of the Government of Virginia, to our knowledge interfere. If the making of Surveys and issuing Patents with a view of effecting gradual & peaceable Settlements under the Charter should now be stopped upon the Principles of this Objection, it may draw on, and encourage the Interposition of Virginia, and Arguments may be deduced against the Proprietors Right from his reluctance to claim & exercise it.

When the Bounds of the Neighbouring Provinces are liable to controversy, Settlements and Improvements have been always deemed advantageous to that Colony under whose Title & Government they were made. It cannot be disputed but that all the Land to the westward of Port Cumberland in this Province, was subject to be taken up under the common Conditions of Plantations, and that the Restriction proceeded from the Order of Governor Sharpe, pursuant to an Order from the Proprietary to refuse for him 10,000 Acres. as the Restriction communicated by the late Governor's Order to the Surveyor of Frederick County was not general, but for the particular purpose of securing a Refuse to the Proprietor, which has been fully answered; we therefore apprehend it was expedient to inform the Surveyor that he was no longer bound by it - If the Intention had been to refuse all Land to the westward of Port Cumberland the Refutation of parcels was unnecessary, and the Order respecting Surveys would have been absolute & general instead of qualified & special.

In consequence of the late Proprietors Instruction a Line from the first Mountain Head of Patowmack was run at a considerable Expence to his Lordship,