

but for what purpose was the Boundary ascertained, if no beneficial consequence was to result from its Establishment.

Further it appears to us that the small number of surveys made to the Westward of Port Cumberland, prior to the Order of Governor Sharpe, was owing to the quantity of vacant Lands now valuable & conveniently situated, which were subject to the Conditions of Mentation. Antecedent to the above Prohibitory Order we do not find that there was any kind of Restriction to prevent surveys to the Westward, and this Order having issued for particular purposes, which have been since effectually answered, we conceive the Lands in question are subject to the same Regulation & Rules of Office as those heretofore granted.

As to the Third, We are not informed of those Persons who, it is said, have stood the brunt of the Indian Wars, nor can we forbear remarking that if the Agent knew of any such whose particular circumstances intitled them to Regard, he would have more effectually promoted their Interests by a communication of his knowledge to the Governor, before the 26<sup>th</sup> March last, than by his oblique censure of our Proceedings in his Letter to the Judges of the Land Office, so late as the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. From principles of benevolence the Governor has directed the Surveyor of Frederick County to inform those who have settled to the Westward of Port Cumberland that upon application & payment of the Proprietors Auction Money, they shall be preferred before others; and if any Persons are possessed of, or entitled to Warrants which they purchased with a view of surveying Land in that part of the Province, as the Office is open, they have an opportunity of completing their Titles; but if these Warrants