

This Late Majesty King Charles the first by his Royal Grant of Letters Patent under the Great Seal and bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of his said Majesty's first year into which Letters Patent and under the said Letters Patent and under the said Letters Patent was assigned a Tract of Land bounded by the said Grant bounded by the said Letters Patent and under the said Letters Patent by the Name of Maryland, by which said Letters Patent the said Lord Baltimore immediately took Possession thereof, and which the said Lord Baltimore now our said Proprietary claims and we must beg leave further to say before your Majesty, that the late William Penn by his Majesty's Charter in the Northward of and near to the said Province of Maryland now called Pennsylvania under a Royal Grant from his said Majesty King Charles the second, and taking Advantage of the Boundaries of Maryland not being sufficiently known and fixed by Lines and Markes both he said William Penn had himself and his Successors and Assigns in a considerable Quantity of Land lying within the Descriptions, Boundaries and Limits of the Province of Maryland as contained in the Royal Charter or Grant

This Matter may it please your Majesty is well known that the Government of Pennsylvania ever depending to satisfy their frequent Complaints by several those of their Successors from time to time to terminate the said Controversy by a Lord Baltimore to himself many years ago, whereas they must be sensible there is little reason or Justice to rely on that Assertion in the Strength of that pretended Limit; for even after the supposed Time of signing thereof, an Order was made by the late King James the second, in Council, on the particular Application, and greatly in favour of Mr Penn, without any regard to that Limit or Mr Penn mentioning the same as touching or pretending there ever was one, but extended Lord Baltimore's right as far to the Northward as was contained within his Charter and which Order was most humbly presented to Mr Penn would not have so earnestly contended for, and his Spirit would not have since so much and only relied thereon, if that pretended Limit to the Southward of the Boundaries expressed in the Charter could have been sufficiently supported

And your Majesty's Subjects the Inhabitants on the Northern Borders of this Province have on too many Occasions lamentably experienced the little Knowledge or Ignorance, the Inhabitants or persons pretending to act under the Authority of Pennsylvania have of the said Limit or Bound to their Intent and Intending Dispositions; which Charge they have to extend the Authority of the Government of Pennsylvania by Incroachments to the Southward of every Limit they at any time before thought to set to themselves: under these Circumstances that Lord Baltimore our Proprietary was prevailed on in the Year 1722 to make the Treaties made by the Proprietary of Pennsylvania for the fixing and determining some certain Limits and Boundaries between the Province of Maryland and Pennsylvania and accordingly Articles of Agreement were inserted into said Commission which were appointed by the Lord Baltimore and his Proprietors of Pennsylvania for that purpose, in which Articles above was limited for carrying them into Execution and a Provision made that if they were not executed in the Monthes limited they should be void, which Articles greatly from the Difficulty of the Execution of them and partly from the unreasonable Opinions and Demands of the Commissioners of Pennsylvania and the Disrespect and Contempt which upon the Articles themselves were not executed; yet those concerned in the Government of Pennsylvania who have ever been faithful to Step no Opportunity or Ordinary Practice to Infringe into Maryland pretended that the said Articles were never charged into Execution and that the Law for so doing was actually obtained, yet that they were signing binding as if really executed, and even went so far as to have Lines to be set and Boundaries to be marked by persons appointed by themselves without the Knowledge of the Lord Baltimore or any Body concerned in the Management of the said Province, and gave out that they would maintain the Limits made and Boundaries as limited at all Points, This Content may it please your Majesty