

ing to lease out what remains vacant or unsettled of the Mannours & Reserves you will be pleased to send Orders to that effect. As your Ldp some time ago express't a Desire to have other Mannours laid out if sufficient Bodies of Vacant Land could be found for that purpose I caused a Survey to be lately made in Frederick County just beyond Fort Cumberland containing as by the Platt thereof return'd & deposited in the Revenue Office 96610 Acres some of it is said to be very good Land but the greatest part mountainous. Such of it as is pretty good might I am informed be leased out immediately at Ten Shillings p^r hundred Acres for a Term of years with Condition that the Tenants shall make customary Improvements & it might I dare say be sold a few years hence at a price considerably higher than vacant uncultivated Land, or if your Ldp chooses to reserve only a part of the said Land an Order might be given for the quantity your Ldp would have lain out as a Mannour & the Residue may be granted in Parcels to such Persons as may be willing to take it up on the usual Terms of the Land Office. A few Miles Westward of this large Tract there is a Tract of 2524 Acres of good Land lying on the Branches of the Yoghiogany River which I have caused to be surveyed in order that if your Ldp pleases That also might be reserved or if your Ldp approves thereof & the Patentees are willing it might be given in exchange for some Patented Tracts that lie within the large Survey, & granted in Parcels to such Persons as had applied for Warrants to affect Land lying within the said large Survey before I orderd it to be surveyed; if your Ldp chooses to have either the whole or a Part reserved as a Mannour you will be pleased to signify by what Name it is to be called. Your Ldp will be pleased to observe that this large Survey extends from Potowmack so far Northward as the Line lately run between this Province & Pennsylvania & so far Westward as to include part of the Allegany Mountains now by His Majesty's Proclamation bearing Date the 7th of Oct^r 1763 no Grant is to be made for Lands lying Westward of that Mountain so that altho there is a good deal of Land fit for Culture lying within the Limits of this Province & beyond that Mountain I have restrained the Surveyors from executing any Warrant there till your Ldp shall signify your farther pleasure. As soon as your Ldps pleasure relative to M^r Allens being appointed to the Office of Keeper of the Western Shore Rent Roll or to any other Office that might become vacant in Consequence of Col^o Lloyds Resignation or otherwise was signified to me by M^r Hamersley's Letter of the 10th of Nov^r I communicated the same to M^r Allen who told Me he had himself a Copy of M^r Hamersley's Letter to Me & as it was