

L. H. J.
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That the Provinces of Pensilvania and Maryland Lying Contiguous the Northern Bounds of Maryland being the Southern Bounds of Pensilvania, tho the Limits between them were never agreed on with any Exact Certainty before the Year 1732 yet Except in some Instances on the Part of Maryland the People of Either Provinces in makeing their Settlements Scarce ever varied above a mile or Two from the place which the old Lord Baltemore Set to Himselpe for the Northern Bounds of his Province above fifty years agoe but for the more Effectual Preventing any misunderstanding between the Proprietors and People of the said Two Provinces it was in the year 1723/4 agreed between the Present Lord Baltemore Proprietor of Maryland and Hannah Penn Widdow and Executrix of William Penn Late Proprietor of Pensilvania Deceased that for the avoiding all manner of Contention or Differences between the Inhabitants of the said Provinces no person or persons should be Disturbed or Mollested In their Possessions on Either Side nor any Land be Surveyed Taken up or Granted in Either of the Said Provinces near the Boundaries which had been Claimed or pretended to on Either Side which agreement tho it was to Continue Eighteen months only, yet it was Deemed to be Such a reasonable Expedient for preserving the peace upon the Borders of the Two Provinces where they lay Contiguous that it was Carefully Observed by the Government of Pensilvania as also Generally by the Government of Maryland until about the year 1732 when the Lord Baltemore and the Proprietors of Pensilvania at the Special Instance of the said Lord Baltemore, Solemnly Entered into Articles of agreement for Deviding the Province of Maryland from the Province of Pensilvania and the three Lower Countys of New Castle Kent and Sussex on Delaware Commonly Called the Territories of Pensilvania in which Articles it was Provided that a Certain Number of Commissioners should be Nominated on Each side for makeing out and running the Lines, agreed on and run as the Bounds between The Two Provinces and Countys aforesaid which Bounds were so particularly and Expressly Described and set down in the said Articles that there seemed no Doubt but the Same would have been Carried Into Execution according to the Tenor true Intent and meaning of the Said agreement yet so it is. May it Please the King that notwithstanding the Clearness of the Said Articles the Lord Baltemore and his Commissioners by Starting the most unreasonable Objection evade running the Lines thereby agreed on for the Boundaries between the Said Provinces and at the Same time the said Lord Baltemore and his Deputy Governour set up a Claim to the Lands lying on the South Side of Susquehannah River near Twenty miles further into the Province of Pensilvania than the Boundaries agreed on by the Said Articles; and makeing use of one Thomas Cresap (a Person of mean Circumstances and Infamous Character who had Taken