

to repeat my sincere Desire to keep up a constan Correspond^{ce} with you, & when any thing occurs relating to these Colonies, I shall keep you duely advis'd thereof. I am with great Truth.

Y^r Excellency's
very hble Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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Sept: 14. 1753 transmitted by M^r Jennings.

Sir

Upon M^r Emery's return from running the North Line I called a Council the 12th Instant who came to the Resolution as inclosed. I have sent you also M^r Emory's Plen with his remarks & Observations He has lain down neither Sassafras Bohemia or Elk River but in his Remarks says the North Line will not touch the Heads of any Rivers, nor will the Circle round Newcastle as run by M^r Daker in 1732 affect the Head of the Bay or any of the Rivers as far as He is capable of judging & supposes that a due North Line will take in Warwick Town & be a Secant of the Circle & not a Tangent but opinions you see & a few I am affraid inaccurate Observations are the best guides we as yet have & I see no probability but of remaining still in the Dark unless the Penns will give free liberty to execute what the Council have thought necessary to be performed comply with what is mentioned in the Report of the Council. M^r Jennings has taken some pains to make Himself Master of this Affair & as We will be able to give you more light into it then I as yet am able to do I must beg leave to refer you to Him. M^r Cressop gave it as his Opinion to the Council that the Temporary Line is to the Northw^d of any Bendings of the River Potomack & that the South Branch runs 60 or 80 Miles farther West then the Spring Head of the Northern Branch upon w^{ch} representation of His by Advice of the Council I have wrote the following Lett^r to Ld Fairfax. [See below.]

If you can obtain from Mess^{rs} Penns to go to the Latitude of 40° upon Susquehana in order to run a West Line thence for your Northern Boundary You may give up so much of the Eastern Side of that River as lies north of the Temporary Line in respect to this M^r Jennings can give more certain information to whom I should not have taken the liberty of referring had any one else here seemed equally capable of giving me information. He comes to England on leave of Absence intending should not that Climate agree with his Constitution to return again; on my acquainting Him (as instructed) with your farther expectations from Him if He continues his Office