

Letter Bk. I. He answered that He hoped soon to have the pleasure of seeing you & was persuaded you should not disagree on Terms.

The Act for the more effectual punishment of Negroes & other Slaves taken notice of in the 68 Article of my private Instructions I find is expired I shall take especial care on its revival to have it more properly penned.—

(I am sorry I have reason to think myself obliged not to comply with my Lords instructions in respect to M^r Harris as soon as I could wish and as I mentioned in my last that I intended on account of his being charged with the forgery of a Bill during his residence in London which I am affraid He will not be able to vindicate Himself from)

p. 6 M^r Tasker was desired to acquaint Me with the Affair & the Clergy when they presented their Address delivered with it a Remonstrance on his Account, I have given him leave if He can make sufficient Interest with either of the parishes to officiate in their Church during the vacancy & till his Ldp will be pleased to signify his farther pleasure concerning Him.

Council Minutes as mentioned to have been inclosed in the preceding Letter.

12 Sept^r

His Excell: having been pleased to signify to this Board his Ldp's pleasure that We should give our sense of what Terms might be reasonable for an agreement between Himself & the Proprietarys of Pensilvania in the Settlement of the respective Limits & Bounds of their two Provinces: And several plans & Observations being laid before Us We are of opinion that so much uncertainty appears at present as well with respect to the Heads of Rivers running into Chesapeake Bay as to the Circle of Newcastle & the Latitude of the most northern Bend of Potomack River, that We would not presume to advise any particular Boundary unless a due North Line could be run from the Middle of such an East & West Line as may be agreed on between the Proprietaries across the Peninsula as also a due West Radius run from the centre of the Circle of Newcastle & the Latitude of the most Northern Bend of Potomack be taken by Observation.

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[Sharpe to Lord Fairfax.]

My Lord

I have the honour of acquainting your Lordship with my appointment to this Government and at the same time expressing Sincere Satisfaction from the hopes of being instrumental in forwarding a mutual Benefit to your Lordship as well as the Lord Proprietary of this Province

Lord Baltimore was pleased to Charge me with an Enquiry into the True Meridian and Place of the Fountain head of Pa-