

Calvert Papers. Baltemore to sett in one house with his Councill, and I would sett with mine in another, that we might treat by written memorials vnder our hands, to prevent Mistakes, ill memory, or ill will; he refused, alledging he was not well, I did then tell him I would wawe what force, or aduantage I thought I had by the second letter, and proceed to meeet him at the place he desired, which was the head of Chesepeake bay; and there try to find the 40th degree of North Latitude, provided he would first please to sett me a Gentleman's price, soe much p mile, in case I should have noe part of the Bay by Latitude, that soe I might have a back port to this Province. This I writh according to his desire, and sent after him. To sell he refusd, but started an Exchange of part of that Bay for the lower Counties on the bay of Delaware. This I presume he knew I could not doe, for his Royall Highnesse had the one halfe, and I did not prize the thing I desired at such a rate. Soone after this meeting, I vnderstood that he had issued forth a Proclamation some time before, to invite people to plant those parts in my Possession Vnder his Royall highnesse, and that also before any demand had been made, or our friendly treaty ended, which I tooke soe ill, in Right of his Royall highnes, and that which his Goodnesse had made mine; that I sent Comiss (first to know the truth of it from his owne mouth, before I would Credit the Intelligence I had received, and if true) to complaine of the Breach of our friendly treaty, and that it might be repaired, which he hath taken soe ill (how deservedly lett the whole world Judge) that he hath sent me a letter of a very course style, such as indeed could not be answered without those Termes, which vnbecome men in our publick Stations, who, in the midst of all disagreements, ought to mannage them selves with Coolness, and exact Civility; and if in this I have at any time been short, let me but know it, and I that think it a meanness of Spirit to justifie an Error when Comitted, am not too Stiff to ask him Pardon. Here I left him, expecting his newes, when he came to the head of the Bay in September, as I thought, he promised me, but instead of that, an observation is takcn, a Line runn, and trees markt without my notice, and a demand made thereupon, and all grounded on his Maiesties Letters of the 2^d April 81 in which I must againe say, I find noe such direction which bringeth me to the Demand it selfe.

8. To the demand (Viz^t) of all that Land on Delaware River to the South of the 40th degree of Northerly Latitude, I have this to say, That 'tis very odd the demand should be made severall months after the Proclamacōn was putt forth to Encourage people to plant most of the parts demanded: but much more strange, that after the Lord Baltemore had