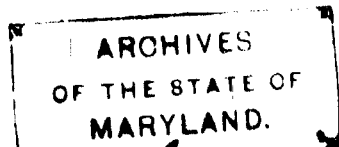


Copy of Gov Sharpes letter to M. Calvert Dated 20 Aug 1758
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I arrived here the 10th Instant & was sworn into my Office the same Afternoon at which time I took occasion in a short speech to acquaint the Gentlemen of the Council, how well satisfied His Lordship had expressed himself with the Steadiness they had shewn in supporting his Rights & Privileges, the Honour & Dignity of the Government; And that I had His Lordships commands to assure them of the due Esteem His Lordship had of their great Qualifications and Merit, & repeated the same to them again severally as they occasionally waited on me — His Lordship being so near a conclusive Determination in regard to the Boundaries of Pennsylvania I thought it my Duty to summon a general Council which I did the 16th Inst^t to consider of the 7th Article of my private Instructions To wit, How far the Circle round Newcastle will affect the Head of Chesapeake Bay; As the Pennsylvanians will not permit any Person to take Observations thereof, tis impossible to say certainly, but it is hoped that it will not affect the River Heads. It is a Country abounding with Hills, therefore superficial measurement will be for his Lordships Advantage — That part of the Peninsula where a West line has been run from Cape Henlopen (or for Distinction sake Cape Cornelius) is a flat Country therefore the way of Measuring that is no further material than that if you allow Horizontal measurement there Mess^r Penns may give it as a reason for measuring above after the same Manner — It is to be observed that the Temporary line is drawn 15 Miles South of the most Southern part of Philadelphia, which takes away from his Lordship much good Land; It would be a great Advantage & it is much to be wished you could continue the Line due North / after it has touched the Circle to the 40.00 at least to 39.56 A Line due West in that ~~part~~ Latitude will run a little North of one of the Bendings of the River Potomack, much depends thereon in respect to the Boundaries with Lord Fairfax for by what I have yet seen I doubt that Branch which runs about N. West by the Allegany Mountains will be due the Fountain Head of Potomack & is to be desired if you could obtain said Latitude of 39.56 & His Lordship will even then be a considerable Loss according to his Third grant nor will you then be within 15 Miles of

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