

Philadelphia altho' to the North of the Latitude thereof. It is impossible to fix how far North would be a good Boundary for Maryland on Account of the uncertainty of the Draught and impracticability of making observations and remarks necessary for that Advice - I can only say what you know that the more North the Better.

The Council came to this Resolution - Namely That as so much will depend on a Northern Line drawn from the Middle or any other Point of an East and West Line across the Peninsula That the most Advisable Step is to have a due North Line run from the Middle of the East & West Line already run from Fenwicks Island to Taylors Island by which this Board will be better enabled to consider what Divisional Line may affect the Heads or Navigable Waters of our Rivers or its intersection with any East & West Line ~~already run from Fenwicks Island~~ which may be intended for a Northern Boundary to this Province and a Southern one to Philadelphia. - This Scheme Mr Emery has already been endeavouring to execute by Mr Jennings' orders and has proceeded beginning at the Middle of the said Line from Fenwicks Island North to the Latitude of Bohemia River which River he says - This due North Line leaves a little to the West as it does also the Navigable part of Sassafras. I sent for this Surveyor to hear what information he could give me and what was his Opinion of the North Line if confirmed He says that he believes it will be West of the 12 Mile Circle ~~to the Westward~~ but shall be able to say exactly in a Month if not obstructed by the Pensilvanians who I am informed threaten any one they can catch with any such design on their Settlements with Imprisonments, which Mr Emery is under great apprehensions of, but returned yesterday to prosecute his work according to the Order of Council. - What I have said above is all I have been able to learn of this Affair but could wish that no Article be agreed on at least till Mr Jennings' arrival who will be able to bring you the plan / which Mr Emery began by his Order / completed - I have sent for Mr Cresop who lives near Lord Fairfax's Territories that I may be well informed of the Boundaries on that Side which I shall take the first opportunity of communicating. As it is doubtfull whether Mr Emery could run a line of such a length without considerable Variation from his Meridian (having only a small pocket Compass to direct him) You will think it proper to word any Article so as to secure the said Rivers and make it an Article That if the said North Line happens to be a Secant to the Newcastle Circle, it be so confirmed but if it runs to the Westward