

The Department  
Washington October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1849

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant representing the desire of the Commissioners appointed to settle the disputed boundary between Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, to have the Services of United States Engineers in conducting the survey or field operations.

The Department is happy in being able to comply with their wishes on this subject, and has accordingly directed an officer, Lieut. Colonel Graham of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, to repair to New Castle on the day specified, the 8<sup>th</sup> proximo, for the performance of the service requested.

I am  
very respectfully  
your Obedt  
(Signed) Ed. W. Crawford  
Secretary of War

His Excellency  
Philip S. Thomas  
Governor of Maryland  
Annapolis Maryland

Bureau of Topographical Engrs  
Washington October 24<sup>th</sup> 1849

Sir:

I have the honor to state, that in consequence of the orders of the War Department, Lieut. Colonel James D. Graham, Corps of Topographical Engineers, will be directed to attend to the duties indicated in your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant. His first step will be to repair to Annapolis, in order to investigate the notes of Mason and Dixon, which are understood to be there, and to confer with your Excellency in reference to the further prosecution of the duty.

All that the U. S. can do in the case, will be to furnish Engineers and Instrument. Their expenses will have to be met by the parties interested in the Survey.

Respectfully  
your Obedt  
(Signed) J. C. Heintz  
Col. Corp. T. E.

His Excellency  
Philip S. Thomas  
Gov. of Maryland  
Annapolis