

**Minutes and papers of the Mason
and Dixon survey, 1760-1768**

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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Dixon, Jeremiah
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Title	Minutes and papers of the Mason and Dixon survey, 1760-1768
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Extent	2.0 Volume(s) 2 volumes, 158 p.
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Location	LH-MV-E-13
Language	English
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Abstract	The first volume is minutes of the commissioners for determining the line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, which was copied by George M. Justine in 1842 from an "authenticated" copy owned by Ferdinand R. Hassler. The second volume contains receipts (62 items) for money spent by the Penn family for the survey.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

Provenance

Custodial History

The volumes arrived at the APS through descendants of Edmund Physick, Receiver General for the Penn family.

Acquisition Information

Presented by George Justine, 1844; accessioned, 1900 (1900 2651).

Original Location

Original minutes in the Land Office, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Related Materials

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Associated materials: American Philosophical Society Library, [Correspondence and accounts of the Mason and Dixon survey, 1758-1769 \(Mss.B.M381\)](#).

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Maps and Surveys
- Minutes.
- Official Government Documents and Records

- Receipts.

Geographic Name(s)

- Maryland -- Boundaries.
- Mason-Dixon Line.
- Pennsylvania -- Boundaries.

Subject(s)

- Colonial Politics
- Government Affairs
- Native America
- Pennsylvania History
- Surveying and Maps
- Surveys.

Other Descriptive Information

Film 303 is Microfilm of the Minutes, only. 91 frames.

Other Descriptive Information

The Mason and Dixon Survey Collection consists of two volumes relating to their work drawing a border between Pennsylvania and Maryland and a box of correspondence. This entry describes the two volumes. One contains the Penn family's costs, which goes into specific details about items purchased and used for the venture. The second volume is a manuscript copy of the commissioners' minutes from 1760-1768. The commissioners were representatives of both Baltimore and Penn, and gave directions to Mason and Dixon. The minutes contain negotiations between the commissioners, which provide insight into surveying methods and the various disagreements between the two sides about boundaries, particularly as they relate to the Delmarva Peninsula. There are a few mentions of Indians and diplomacy, especially around 1767 when Mason and Dixon were extending the line into the Ohio Country.