concerns the Provincial Bounds on Potowmack, You are also
requested to bring with you what Descriptions or other In-
formations you may now have relative to that River and its
Several Branches that further Inquiry, if necessary, may be
directed To Col Thomas Cresap.   I am S^r
                                        Your humble Servant
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p. 13   At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday
the 12 Day of September in the third year of his Lordships
Dominion Annoque Domini 1753.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esqr Governor

The Honourable	Benjamin Tasker Esqr	Philip Thomas Esqr
	Col George Plater	Benjamin Young Esqr
	Edmund Jenings Esqr	Col Benjamin Tasker
	Col Charles Hammond	Benedict Calvert Esqr

Colonel Cresap attending this Board Says that in his
Opinion the South Branch of Patowmack is the longest
Branch because it continues the bigest Stream as he thinks
from the Mouth and runs about Sixty Miles North West
further than the North Branch.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the fol-
lowing Copy of a Letter intended to be Sent by him to the
Right honourable the Lord Fairfax.

My Lord
    I have the honour of acquainting your Lordship with my
Appointment to this Government and at the same time ex-
pressing a Sincere Satisfaction from the hopes of being
instrumental in forwarding a mutual Benefit to your Lord-
ship as well as the Lord Proprietary of this Province
    Lord Baltimore was pleased to Charge me with an Enquiry
into the True Meridian and Place of the Fountain head of
Patowmeck; The best Information I have been hitherto able
to procure gives me Reason to believe there has been a Mis-
take in fixing the Spring head to the North Branch Since the
Length with other Circumstances more properly denotes the
Southern Branch commonly called Wappacomo to be the
Main & principal Course of that River.   I am the more will-
ing to be persuaded of the Truth of this Representation from
the considerable Advantage that will accrue to your Lord-
ship.   That Branch I am Informed has never been thor-
oughly explored and traced to it's Source, but I flatter myself