

when all of that territory lying to the north and east of the Patapsco River was set aside for the new county. The exact limits between the two jurisdictions were not evident in the records until 1674 when a proclamation¹³ was issued stating that the southern bounds of Baltimore County should be "the south side of Patapsco river, and from the highest plantations on that side of the river, due south two miles into the woods."

The settlements along the Patapsco River prospered and the inhabitants finding it inconvenient to transact their business at old Baltimore on Bush River petitioned that the territory on the south side of the Patapsco River be added to Anne Arundel County, but their petition on October 3 was disallowed by the Assembly. The record of this transaction is as follows:

"Post Meridiem. Petition of the Inhabitants of the South Side of Patapscoe River being Returned to this Board with the vote of the house thereon, the Board doe Concurr therewith, The said Vote Runes in these words, Vizt. By the Assembly October 3d 1694. The within petition Read & Considered. Voted whether the South Side of potapscoe River be added to the County of Ann Arrundell or Remaine still as it is, Carried by the Majority of Votes to remaine still as it is. Cleborne Lomax Clk Assembly. (Assembly Proceedings, Sept. 20-Oct. 18, 1694. Md. Arch., 19: 69.)

In 1696 commissioners, however, were appointed to establish the boundary between the two counties. They presented their report to the succeeding legislature which, on April 3d of that year, passed Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1698, adopting a line described as follows:

"beginning att three marked Trees, viz. a white Oak, a red Oak, and a chesnutt tree, standing about a mile and a quarter to the Southward of Bodkin Creek on the West side of Chesapeak bay; the marked red Oak on the right hand for Baltemore County, the Chesnutt tree on the left hand for Ann Arundel, the white Oak in the middle they standing near a Marsh and a pond and running thence West until it Cross the Road from the Mountains of the mouth of Magatty River, to Richd Beards Mill; then Continueing Westward, with the said Road to William Hawkins Path, to two marked Trees the one for Ann Arundell County the other for Baltemore County, thence Continueing along the said road to Jon Locketts path to Two Trees for the end and purpose aforesaid then leaving the road by a Line drawn west to William Slades path, to two marked Trees as aforesd; thence continuing West between the

¹³ Proclamation of June 6, 1674.