

draught of Magaty and Potapsco Rivers until it come to a Mountain of White Stone rock still Continuing West to a road going to Potapsco, to Peter Bonds to two marked Trees as afd for the end and purpose as aforesaid thence Continuing West to the main Road to Potapsco fferry to two Marked Pines, standing near the ready Branch written att large on the North side of the said Trees (Baltimore County) on the South side (Ann Arundell County) from thence with a Line Drawn west to Elk Ridge Road, to two Marked Trees for the end and purposes aforesaid thence Continuing the same Course of W.N.W. to Putuxent river and so up the said River to the Extent thereof for the bounds of Baltimore county. . . . All that Tract of Land lying on the North side of the said Division lines &c to be in Baltimore County and all the Land, &c. on the South side thereof to the ancient Extent of Ann Arundell County to be in Ann Arundell County &c."

According to this line, few points of which can now be located exactly, this Act seems to have added somewhat to the territory of Baltimore County at the expense of its neighbor. The notable points on this boundary cannot now be determined with accuracy, but from the knowledge available of the different settlements at the time of the passage of the act it seems probable that the intention was to place the boundary along the divide between the Magothy and the Patapsco rivers as far as Elk Ridge, and thence westerly to the Patuxent in such a way as to include all of the settlements then made. This would make the line indefinite and would extend at that time just north of the present location of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Grants had just been given to large tracts in the vicinity of Savage and Guilford, and along Warfield's Ridge. The settlements along the Patapsco, which reached at this time to the vicinity of Hollofields, were apparently included within Baltimore County. This boundary, such as it was, apparently remained the northern limit of the county until 1726 when the General Assembly acted upon a petition similar to that of 1694, and passed on July 25 "An Act for uniting part of Baltimore County to Anne Arundel County," which runs as follows:

Whereas the several Inhabitants on the *South Side of Patapsco River* in Baltimore County, have, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly set forth, That for many Years past, they have suffered great Inconveniences by the Distance of their Residence from the Court-house of their County, which is so scituate that even moderate Rains render it inaccessible; as thereby many Falls, as well as several Runs, which must be past, are utterly unfordable, which constantly subjects such of them as are obliged to attend the County-courts, to the Censure of such Court, and very often to grievous Fines: