

And for as much as it is evidently made to appear to this present General Assembly, that the Petitioners, or such of them as then resided on the *South Side Patapsco River* as aforesaid, were formerly Part of *Anne Arundel County*; and that they, when *Baltimore County* was in its Infancy, were lopt off from *Anne Arundel County* and with no other intent than to bear a Part of the necessary Charge of the said *Baltimore County*, with the few Inhabitants that were then therein, which, though their Taxes were much increased thereby, they bore with Patience:

And forasmuch as great Part of the Land in *Anne Arundel County* is so far worn out, that several of the former Inhabitants thereof have of late Years removed into *Baltimore County*, for the Sake of the fresh Lands there: As also, that on Inspection 'tis found that when the now Inhabitants on the *South Side of Patapsco River* in *Baltimore County* aforesaid, are taken from that County, and made Part of *Anne Arundel County*, there will still remain 1791 Taxables as appears by the List of Taxables now returned from the County, which is a Number that far exceeds Those in four or five other counties. . . . Be it Enacted . . . That From and after the last Day of May which shall be in the year of our Lord January 7, 1727, the Land lying on the *South Side of Patapsco River* aforesaid, and contained within the Bounds following, viz. From the Head thereof, and from thence, bounding on the *south* side of the main Falls, being the Southernmost great Branch of the said River, and running as the said Branch runs, to the first main Fork of the said Falls, and other boundaries on the *South Side* of the said *Southernmost Fork*, Till a South course will intercept the Head of *Snowden's River*, and so down the said *Snowden's River*, 'till it meet with the now Extent of *Anne-Arundel County*, shall be, and for ever hereafter deemed as Part of *Anne-Arundel County*; . . .

The question of the boundary between *Anne Arundel* and *Calvert* counties again became a subject of controversy in 1777 when the eligibility of a Delegate was questioned on account of his place of residence. Fishing Creek at the time was accepted as the boundary by vote of the Delegates and an Act of Assembly was passed (1777, Chapter 7) appointing commissioners to ascertain and establish the division line and to report their proceedings to the next General Assembly. A quarter of a century later, in 1809, the question once more arose but the final controversy did not become settled until the second decade of the last century. In 1822 the Assembly passed the following:

" An Act to Ascertain and establish a divisional line between *Anne Arundel* and *Calvert Counties*.

Whereas the line of division between *Anne Arundel* and *Calvert Counties* is not well ascertained, by means whereof inconveniences have arisen, and in particular, divers persons, living near the borders of those counties, have not contributed anything toward the public expenses;