

Prior to this time the territory included within the Calvert County thus outlined had been embraced within the limits of St. Mary's, old Charles, and Patuxent counties, and part of that then included is now within the jurisdiction of St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel counties. The fact that part of old Charles County, which had been erected the same year as Anne Arundel County, constitutes part of Calvert County, led to discussion years later as to the relative place of Anne Arundel and Calvert counties on the roll call of the House of Delegates. It was shown that Anne Arundel County was erected by a law passed April 29, 1650 while old Charles County was erected by order of the Governor on the 21st of November following. It was therefore decided in 1671 that Anne Arundel County should have precedence. During the summer of 1654 old Charles County was changed to Calvert County without change of boundaries. In October following, as a result of the Protestant revolution it was decided to eliminate the name of Calvert and accordingly the Assembly enacted

“ that Patuxent be Erected into a County the bounds thereof to be from the South Side of Mr Maishes Creek Commonly called oyster Creek Extending downe the Bay including all the familyes and Lands on the South Side of the said Creeke includeing all the Clifts with the North and South Side of Patuxent River with all the Creekes thereunto belonging and shall be Called as it is Patuxent County.”

The terms of this temporary boundary became very important in the contest of 1824 when the boundary line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties was in dispute. The name of Calvert County was restored in 1658 when the government of the Province became again established in the hands of Calvert's representatives.

It was apparently about this time, when the present Charles County was erected, that Calvert County lost control of the land on the south and west shores of the Patuxent. The exact limits of Charles County when first established by Governor Fendall are not known, the first clear statement being found in “an act for the Division for the Regulating Severall Countys” passed May 22, 1695. At this time Calvert County was not regarded as including part of the southern shore.

The northern boundary of Calvert County separating it from Anne