

## 1860 Ch. 15. Changing and defining bounds of election district No. 1:

"Beginning at a point where the old Annapolis road crosses the Columbia turnpike road, and following the said old Annapolis road until it reaches a point at or near George Atocket's house; then by a road leading from the said old Annapolis road through the lands of William J. Timanus and Ashbury Fisher, until it intersects the county road from Hillen to Elk Ridge Landing, and then following the lines of said election district as now established, to the place of beginning."

## 1868 Ch. 388. Sixth election district erected.

"Beginning at a line at Jessop's Cut, on the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and running from thence, and binding on the old Annapolis and Elk Ridge road, which passes by the present election house of the first Election District aforesaid, until it intersects the Columbia Turnpike, thence running with and bounding on the said Columbia Turnpike until it intersects the division line between Montgomery and Howard Counties at the Patuxent river, thence bounding on said river until it intersects the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and thence bounding on said road to Jessop's Cut at place of beginning."

**KENT COUNTY.**

Prior to the settlement of St. Mary's City by the Maryland colonists but subsequent to the granting of "Crescentia" to Lord Baltimore, Charles I granted (May 16, 1631) a license under the Privy seal of Scotland which permitted William Clayborne to trade along the shores of the Chesapeake. To obtain the advantages arising from this license the latter, who had explored the Chesapeake in previous years, established a trading post on Kent Island in 1631. When the Marylanders settled in 1634 on the Potomac they claimed authority over Kent Island and its little trading settlement, and the contest for possession and control led to numerous conflicts between the State authorities and the followers of William Clayborne even after the report and order of the Committee of Trade and Plantations, which on the 4th of April, 1638, decided in favor of Lord Baltimore's rights. To show the authority of Lord Baltimore over this territory a commission was issued to John Langford as a sheriff for the Isle of Kent on the 9th of February.