

Penn and his followers to the Delaware watershed. The "Lower Counties" had, however, but recently separated themselves into a distinct political unit and were by no means inclined to allow Kent County to exercise authority over the disputed territory. The limits of the jurisdiction of Kent County were thus in reality not very different from those of to-day.

The eastern boundary was defined by the decree of the Lord High Chancellor of England in 1750 when he settled the limits between Maryland and the Delaware counties of Pennsylvania. This line was finally run and marked by Mason and Dixon about fifteen years later. It was described as a line drawn from the Middle Point of the Eastern Shore tangent to a circle of twelve miles radius drawn about New Castle, Delaware.

#### KENT COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICTS.

- 1798 Ch. 115. County divided into 3 election districts.  
1799 Ch. 48. Confirms Acts of 1798 Ch. 115.  
1799 Ch. 50. Commission appointed to divide county into 3 election districts.  
1813 Ch. 157. Polling place of the 1st election district to be at a place selected by the judges.  
1860 Ch. 21. Commissioners appointed to divide Kent County into 4 or 5 election districts as seems best.  
1878 Ch. 220. Polling place of the 3d election district changed from "Worten Heights" or "Hanesville" to Smithville.  
1884 Ch. 452. Establishes voting precincts in the 4th election district as follows:

"Beginning at the mouth of Radcliffe creek, and running thence with said creek and the run or stream from the mill-pond of the Chestertown Straw Board Company, to where the said run or stream intersects the centre of the public road leading from Chestertown to Fairlee, at or near the said mills; thence by and with the aforesaid public road to Harrisburg to Fannell's branch, to school-house number four, to where the said road intersects the stream or run, which constitutes a part of the division line between the fourth and fifth election districts, and all that part of said Chestertown district number four, lying north and east of said division line as above indicated shall be known as "Precinct Number One" . . . and all that part of the Chestertown district number four lying south and west of the aforesaid division line, shall be known as "Precinct Number Two."