

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Thursday
the 15th day of August in the third year of his Majesty
Dominica Annoque Domini 1708.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The Honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esq^r } Col Edward Lloyd
Col George Water } Philip Thomas Esq^r }
Edmond Jennings Esq^r } Benjamin Young Esq^r }
Col Charles Hammond } Col Benjamin Tasker }
Samuel Chamberlain Esq^r } Benedict Calvert Esq^r }

Samuel Chamberlain, Edward Lloyd Philip Thomas & Benjamin
Young Esquires Members of his Lordships Council then present take
the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly
and also the Oath of Councilor & Subscribe the Oath of Test.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following
Copy of his Lordships Instructions

I will and Desire of you on your arrival in our said Province
of Maryland to get the best Information you can concerning the present
State of the Boundaries I am now in Possession of between me and the
Pennsylvanians, both in respect to the North boundary of Maryland; or
also in respect to the Three lower Counties called Delaware Counties
and of the Three Cape Henlopen; and of the Twelve Mile Circle round
Newcastle how it will affect the head of the Bay Chesapeake either
Horizontal or Wheel Measurement. and how far North of the said Circle
may be a good and reasonable North Boundary to Maryland in respect
as a South Boundary to Pennsylvania. and of this I desire you to
transmit me as soon as possible an Account.

This Board taking into consideration the above Question are of
Opinion that so much will depend on the North Line from the Middle
or any other point of an East and West Line across the Peninsula that
the most advisable Step is to have a true North Line run by the compass
from the Middle of the East and West Line already run from Swanwick
Island to Taylors Island, by which this Board will be better enabled to
consider what Divisional Line may affect the heads or Navigable Waters
of our Rivers, or the Intersection with any East or West Line which may
be intended for a Northern Boundary to this Province and a Southern one
to Pennsylvania.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following
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Whereas the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Fairfax has
a Grant of a large Tract of Land lying and running along the banks
of Patowmack River on the Virginia Side, and Whereas I am informed