

The Powers of Government in Virginia have taken the Liberty to ascertain  
the Bounds and Limits of his said Lordships Grant running along the  
Banks of the said River, which River to the further Banks thereof is  
limited to one with its Soil and Water and is a Boundary between my  
Province of Maryland and the Province of Virginia unto the Fountain  
Head of the said River, and Whereas I am informed that Commissioners  
have proceeded therein and instead of their stopping at the South Branch  
which Runs from the first Fountain of Potomack River one of the Bounds  
of Maryland, have crost. to a Branch running North whereby their  
Endeavours are to give Limits and Boundary Marks prescribed by my  
Royal Charter Subjecting me to great Loss of Country, and Whereas it being  
not known to me that my Predecessor was made a Party to the Settlement  
of such Boundaries by the said Commissioners; and were it so such Settlement  
would be invalid by Virtue of my Fathers Marriage Articles, he being only  
Tenant for Life with Reservation to me as Tenant in Tail, I therefore  
desire and Require of you as soon as Possibly you can to get Intelligence  
how such Boundaries have been or are settled by the said Commissioners  
with regard to Lord Fairfax and his Grant; and at the same Time if  
Opportunity serves you, You may Communicate to Lord Fairfax that I am  
very desirous of settling Proper Limits conclusive between him and me in  
regard to my Province of Maryland and his Grant in Virginia, and in  
the meantime you must make and have a good Look out, and Warning  
given to such Persons as shall Venture to settle on such disputed Boundaries  
between my Province of Maryland and the Province of Virginia under  
the said Grant to Lord Fairfax.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter  
to Col Cresap

Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor & Council to desire of  
you that you will not fail to be at Annapolis by the 2. Day of next Month  
as the business which requires this attendance concerns the Provincial  
Bounds on Potomack, You are also requested to bring with you what  
Descriptions or other Informations you may now have relative to  
that River and its several Branches that further Inquiry, if necessary,  
may be directed. I am

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Your humble Servant

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To Col Thomas Cresap