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At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday
the 12 Day of September, in the third Year of his Majesty's
Dominion Annoque Domini 1700.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Sharpe Esq. Governor
The Honourable { Benjamin Tusher Esq. } Philip Thomas Esq.
{ Col George Plater, } Benjamin Young Esq.
{ Edmund Jennings Esq. } Col Benjamin Tusher
{ Col Charles Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq.

Colonel Casap attending this Board says that in his Opinion the South
Branch of Potomack is the longest Branch because it continues the River
Stream as he thinks from the Mouth and runs about sixty Miles North
West further than the North Branch

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following
Copy of a Letter intended to be sent by him to the Right Honourable the
Lord Fairfax.

My Lord I have the honour of acquainting your Lordship with
my Appointment to this Government and at the same time expressing
Sincere Satisfaction from the hopes of being instrumental in promoting
a mutual Benefit to your Lordship as well as the Lord Proprietary of the
Province

Lord Baltimore was pleased to charge me with an Enquiry in
the True Meridian and Place of the Fountain head of Potomack; The
best Information I have been hitherto able to procure gives me Reason to
believe there has been a Mistake in fixing the Spring head to the North
Branch since the Length with other Circumstances more properly denote
the Southern Branch commonly called Wappacono to be the main & spring
Course of that River. I am the more willing to be persuaded of the Truth
of this Representation from the considerable Advantage that will accrue
to your Lordship. That Branch I am Informed has never been thoroughly
explored and traced to its Source, but I flatter myself with having your
Lordships concurrence for such an Examination into its Course Length
Width and Depth as may bring this Matter to a nearer degree of Certainty
and if it should appear to be the fountain head of Potomack, then
I shall not Question but your Lordship will be for taking such Measures
as may ascertain the Mutual Limits of the two Proprietorships according
to the Direction and True Intention of their Respective Charters.

His Excellency having been pleased to signify to this Board his
Lordships pleasure that we should give our sense of what Terms might
be reasonable for an Agreement between himself and the Proprietary
Pennsylvania in the Settlement of the Respective Limits and