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A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Saturday  
the 3<sup>d</sup> of August in the fourth year of his Majesty's Dominion  
Annapolis 1754

Present

The honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esq. Lt. Gov.  
Philip Thomas Esq. Benedict Calvert Esq.

Mr. Emory's Plan being laid before this Board by his Excellency where  
It appears that he began at a Red Oak about Two Miles eastward of the main  
Branch of Elk River said to be marked as the terminating Tree to a twelve Miles  
West Radius from Newcastle run by one Mr. George Baker in 1732. hence the  
proceeded according to order so far Southward as Choptank Bridge, and from  
such actual Survey has discovered (as is delineated on his Map) that a due North  
and South Line begun from the aforesaid Tree does intersect, first, two small  
Branches of Christine Creek, then leaving the Principal Branch of Elk River  
considerably to the Westward, It cuts, at about forty Perches below their Mill  
Dams, where a lance in a high Tide will pass, three small Streams called Swans,  
Broad and Back Creeks, which flow into that River; the said Line afterwards  
intersects two small Branches of Bohemia just above the Landing beyond which  
a lance will in a high Tide go about a Quarter of a Mile: Sassafras River is  
left entirely to the Westward of this Line, but it crosses Chester far above Chester  
Bridge, where the Run of Water is very inconsiderable. As Choptank River  
terminates in a Swamp soon after one passes above its Bridge, this Line does  
not at all affect the Navigation of that River, neither doth it approach near to  
the Navigable Water in the North West fork of Nanticoke, but the North East fork  
of that River where it is intersected by the Parallel of Latitude ran from Indian  
River is found to be six Perches wide and six feet deep, so that a large Sea Sloop  
will load within two Miles South of said Parallel, and that Branch is Navigable  
for small Craft two Miles farther North than the Place where the said Parallel  
intersects it - the better to enable us to advise what Line or Lines may be proper  
for his Lordship to agree on as Divisional Lines between his Lordship's lands  
and those which the Proprietors of Pennsylvania claim on the Peninsula East of  
Chesapeake Bay.

Were we satisfied that this Tree from which Mr. Emory began to run  
his Courses did really and certainly terminate a horizontal twelve Miles Radius  
centering at Newcastle We should be sufficiently able to specify some Place in that  
Radius or the extremity of it as a proper Point to run a Divisional Line -  
Southward so as to secure by such Division all the Rivers and Streams flowing  
into Chesapeake Bay, but as such certainly with respect to the Newcastle Radius  
and said Tree, as is requisite, cannot be acquired, unless the Pennsylvanians  
would permit us to make an actual Survey and Mensuration of the Distance  
from such Red Oak or from Elk River to Newcastle which their former  
Behaviour and Threats to our Surveyors forbid us to expect or hope.

Suppose a due East and West Line be run as in the Map cross