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At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the
23.^d Day of August, in the sixth Year of his Lordships Dominion
Anneque Dominion 1716.

Present

This Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governour
the honourable Benjamin Coker Esquire, and G. Tucker.

Answers to the Queries that were sent by Order of the Right Honourable the
Lords of Trade and Plantations, to the Lieutenant Governour of Maryland.

Maryland is situated on both sides of Chesapeake Bay between the Province of
Pennsylvania, and Dominion of Virginia, that part of it that lies to the Eastward of
the Bay is a flat level Country, the western part is more hilly, and about one
hundred and forty Miles inland from the Bay grows pretty mountainous, the
whole Country is well watered, and abounds with fine navigable Rivers, the soil
varies as it does in England, in general is fertile, and produces every kind of Grain
as well as Hemp, Flax, and Tobacco. The Summers here are sometimes very
warm, the Winters short, but often very cold, the longest Day in this Climate is about
fourteen Hours fifty Minutes, the shortest about nine Hours and nine Minutes.
Annapolis the Metropolis of this Province by the best Observation yet taken has
been found to lie in thirty eight Degrees forty eight Minutes North Latitude
and by Computation is about seventy six Degrees thirty Minutes West
Longitude from London. The Spaniards have no Settlements near the Coast
of Maryland. The French Fort du Quene on the Ohio is supposed to be 100
Miles from its North West Extremity.

By the Charter granted to Cecilius Lord Baltimore by King Charles the first
the 20th of June in the 8th Year of his Reign Maryland is thus described "All
that part of a peninsula between the Ocean on the East and the Bay of Chesapeake
on the West, and divided from the other part thereof by a right Line drawn from
the Promontory or Cape of Land called Watkins Point, situate in the aforesaid
Bay near the River Wight on the West unto the main Ocean on the East, &
between that Ours on the South, unto that part of Delaware Bay or River on the
North which lieth under the fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude from the
Equinoctial where New England ends, and all that Tract of Land between
the Bounds aforesaid, that is to say, beginning from the aforesaid Bay or River
called Delaware in a right Line by the degree aforesaid unto the true
Meridian of the first Mountain of the River Southwicks, and from thence
extending towards the South unto the further Bank of the aforesaid River

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