

**DOCUMENTS**  
**ACCOMPANYING THE REPORT RELATIVE**  
**TO THE**  
**BOUNDARY LINE**  
**BETWEEN**  
**MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA.**

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No. 1.

Extract of a letter from William Cook, Esq. to the Legislature of Maryland, dated 14th November, 1796.

At length a negotiation commenced between the proprietaries of Maryland, and Lord Fairfax, the then proprietary of that part of Virginia, respecting the subject; and by consent it would have been established, that the first fountain of the Potowmack was at the head of the South Branch of that river, if the Crown of Great Britain had not been interested in the question, and, therefore, it became necessary to lay the circumstances then existing, before the King in Council, and to obtain their approbation and concurrence; and while matters were thus suspended, the Revolution commenced, which finally deprived all parties of their interest in the subject. During the war, the citizens of Virginia began to take up, and immediately after the peace, to settle the land between the North and South Branches of the Potowmack.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Board write the following to Col. Cresap:

SIR:—I am commanded by the Governor and Council to desire of you that you will not fail to be at Annapolis by the second day of next month, as the business which requires this attendance concerns the provincial bounds on Potow-