

any East or West Line which may be intended for a Northern boundary to this Province and a Southern One to Pennsylvania. Lib. J. R.
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His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Copy of his Lordships Instructions

Whereas the Right honourable Lord Viscount Fairfax has a Grant of a large Tract of Land lying and runing along the Banks of Patowmack River on the Virginia Side, and whereas I am informed The Powers of Government in Virginia have taken the Liberty to ascertain the Bounds and Limits of his said Lordships Grant runing along the Banks of the said River; which River to the further Banks thereof is limited to me 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 Boundries of Maryland, have cros't to a Branch runing North whereby their Endeavours are to give Limits and Boundary Marks [not] 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 mean time you must make and have a good Lookout, 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 p. 12

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^d Day of next Month as the Business which requires this Attendance