

towmeck; 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 denotes the Southern Branch commonly called Wappacomo to be the main & principal 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 it's Source, but I flatter myself with having your Lordship's 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 that should appear to be the fountain head of Patowmeck River I shall not Question but your Lordship will be for taking such measures as may ascertain the mutual Limits of the two Proprietorships Agreeable to the Direction and True Intention of their Respective Charters.

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[Sharpe to Frederick, Lord Baltimore.]

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My Lord I take this opportunity of complying with the request of the Parochial Clergy by transmitting their Address to your Lordship & at the same time of expressing my own gratitude for your Lordships Favours & assuring your Lordship that I am too sensible of the honour conferred on me to be wanting in my Duty or Zeal in advancing by all possible means Your Lordships Honour & Interest. &c.

[Fairfax to Sharpe.]

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Frederick Septem<sup>r</sup> the 24<sup>th</sup> 1753.

Sir

Yours I received by M<sup>r</sup> Young, by which I perceive Lord Baltimore designs to dispute with this Province which is the head Spring of Patowmeck the length or North Branch as Run out by the Commissioners between his Majesty and me in the year 1736.

I am intirely that the South would be much to my Advantage, and therefore think it improper for me to Appear therein, and that the Governor of Virginia and your Excellency should transact that Affair if his Lordship should obtain his demand, I must insist upon a new Line between his Majesty and me to the Southward. I heartily wish this Climate may be agreeable to your Excellency. I remain

S<sup>r</sup>

Your humble Servant  
Fairfax

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe  
Governor of Maryland.