mack. You are requested to bring with you what descriptions or other information you may now have relative to that river, and its several branches, that farther inquiry, if necessary, may be directed.

I am your humble servant,

J. R.

To Col. Thomas Cresap.

No. 2.

At a council held in the council chamber, on Wenesday the 12th day of September, in the third year of his Lordship's dominion, annoque domini, 1753.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq. Governor.
The honorable Benjamin Fisher, Esq. Col. Levy Plater, Edmund Jennings, Esq Col. Charles Hammond, Philip Thomas, Esq. Benjamin Young, Esq. Colonel Benjamin Tasker, Benedict Calvert, Esquire.

Colonel Cresap attending this board says, that in his opinion the South Branch of Potowmack is the longest branch because it continues the biggest stream as he thinks, from the mouth, and runs about sixty miles north west further than the North Branch.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this board the following copy of a letter intended to be sent by him to the Right Honourable the Lord Fairfax.

My Lord:—I have the honour of acquainting your Lordship with my appointment to this government, and at the same time expressing sincere satisfaction from the hopes of being instrumental in forwarding a mutual benefit to your Lordship as well as the Lord Proprietary of this province.

Lord Baltimore was pleased to charge me with an inquiry into the true meridian and place of the fountain head of Patowmack: 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 denote the Southern Branch, commonly called Wappocomo, to be the main and principal course of that river I am the more willing to be persuaded of the truth of this representation from