

ter complains of further occupation of our soil by the Virginia forces, in different localities, and asks for protection against losses likely to be incurred by reason of what the writer calls "invasion of our State."

The subject of the petition alluded to has already been committed to the official charge of a prominent citizen of Frederick county, selected as a Commissioner on the part of Maryland, to adjust the very difficulties complained of and provide against their recurrence. The causes of complaint set up by Mr. Biggs fall properly within the scope of the authority conferred upon the same Commissioner (Mr. Horsey) and will no doubt receive his careful and successful attention. The Committee have great confidence that all the questions growing out of the disturbed condition of the Virginia and Maryland border will be ably and satisfactorily dealt with and adjusted by the Commissioner, and they await his report and the authentic information he may communicate, before offering any further recommendations. They cannot but add however, that they are quite sure no troops from Virginia can have entered our territory with any purpose of hostility or aggression, and that to call any act of theirs an "invasion," is to give an exaggerated coloring to the whole subject.

The Committee are confirmed in the propriety of postponing action, for the present, upon the matters in question, by a correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Governor of Virginia, which they find in the newspapers, and which they presume to be authentic, from its having been some days before the public without contradiction. But for this latter fact, they would have felt it their duty to presume that the Executive would not have corresponded with the Virginia authorities, upon a subject which he had brought before the Legislature and upon which it was acting without at all events apprising us of its character and results.

Doubtless however, His Excellency has been governed, in so unusual a proceeding, by reasons which he deems satisfactory.

The correspondence referred to, is as follows :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }  
Frederick City, May 1st, 1861. }

His Excellency John Letcher, Governor of Virginia—  
Sir:—Sundry citizens of Maryland, residing near the boundary of our State and Virginia, have complained to me of out-