

In November, 1796, Governor Stone, in his message to our Legislature, sent the answer of the Governor of Virginia to both branches.

In November, 1796, this state, by resolutions, again renewed the subject of her southern and western limits, and in November session, 1801, the same subject was again renewed by resolutions, which were sent to Governor Munroe of Virginia, as appears by a letter from Governor Mercer. In the years 1802 and 1803, the same subject was renewed by our legislature. Also, again in 1810 and 1818, 1824, 1825.

In 1826 there was a correspondence on the same subject between Governor Kent of Maryland, and Governor Tyler of Virginia. In the letter of Governor Tyler of Virginia, of 4th May, 1826, the receipt of the Maryland resolutions, for the ascertainment and permanent settlement of our boundary line, is acknowledged. The matter in dispute is admitted to be of great importance, and the questions involved are also admitted to be open for friendly settlement. See report and appendix of 1831. In 1831 the matter was again brought before our legislature in a report and resolutions, which were sent to the Governor of Virginia, and so far as your committee are informed, that state does not claim the country south of the North Branch, by alienation, usucaption or prescription. But the Legislature of that state, passed a law at the last session, fixing an arbitrary place of beginning, and thus putting at defiance the whole Maryland claim and pretensions, without denying our facts and without offering an argument to subvert any one of our positions. Virginia has disregarded all our friendly overtures of arbitration, and will have nothing to do with us except upon her own terms, and these are found contrary to justice and the equity and right of the matter. Whatever commissioners or a final umpire might have thought, if the questions had been left open for an honorable adjustment, it seems to your committee that the manner of Virginia in her ultimatum forbids on our part any further approach to her except by adversary proceedings. Your committee therefore respectfully submit several resolutions for the consideration of the Legislature.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it is necessary for the peace and security of our people and the dignity of the state, that our southern and western boundaries should be finally settled and defined.*