

REPORT.

The joint committee appointed by both branches of the Legislature upon that part of the Governor's message, which relates to the controversy between this state and the state of Virginia, in regard to our Southern and Western boundaries respectfully, make a further report:

In the first report made by your committee it was stated in regard to the report of December session, 1831.—“This report, resolutions and papers in the appendix were in due time transmitted by our executive, to the proper functionaries of Virginia, and without denying one single fact contained therein, and without any argument to confute or overturn any one of our positions, she has determined it seems by a solemn act of her legislature, to close the door of negotiation upon us, according to her own will and pleasure. Such arrogance ought not to mingle in negotiations between states, although they may be distant from each other, and without any affinity from political union, upon matters fairly in dispute, and has been received with surprise from a state united with Maryland, under the same general government.”

“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.”

Upon more mature reflection your committee believe it will be more satisfactory to the people of this state, to see