

the Commissioners appointed by Virginia and Maryland to run and mark the boundary line between those States. Col. Lee mentions his report to the Governor in October, 1858, which this committee has not been able to find; but he states that in it, he informed the Governor of this proposition "to cause a minute survey to be made of the Eastern Shore section of the boundary, that he might more understandingly locate the true position of Watkins' Point, and obtain other necessary local information. That survey, he states, is complete, and the maps finished, with the exception of a single point on Smith's Island, which Lieut. Michler is about to visit—December 1859.

Col. Lee states that it results from these surveys that the old Scarborough line is not an east line, but is inclined five degrees and fifteen minutes ($5^{\circ}, 15''$) to the north of east. He states that the original line run by Calvert & Scarborough in 1668 was an east line. "This," says Col. Lee, "must have been *by compass*, no doubt, the only means at their command in those days, as it appears that its inclination is a very close approximation to the magnetic variation in this locality at that period."

Col. Lee adds, "Whether or not Maryland shall insist that this line be an east line as called for by her charter, and so intended to have been by those Commissioners, thereby claim an area of some twenty-three square miles from Accomac county, Virginia, is for your Excellency and the Legislature to determine."

"The foregoing data would, in either case, throw the southern portion of Annamessex into Virginia, and in whatever part of Annamessex Watkins' Point may be placed, either Somerset must loose or Worcester gain a portion of territory."

Col. Lee suggests that perhaps the only mode of reconciling existing difficulties would be that Maryland relinquish her claim upon the northern portion of Accomac county, provided that Virginia consent that the shores of Pocomoke Bay and Tanger's Sound, from the present commencement of the line in Pocomoke River to Jones' Island, should be recognized to be the boundary between that river and the bay; the line across the bay to Smith's Point remaining as now recognized."

Thus the matter remains unsettled.

The committee have received information from a member of the Virginia Committee, that the Legislature of that State have appointed a committee of three members of their Legislature, to meet a similar committee from Maryland, to adjust and mark the Eastern Shore boundary between the two States, the results of their work, to be submitted to the Legislatures of the said States, respectively, for approval or rejection.

The committee therefore recommend the appointment of