

is to make our work decisive and conclusive, and I am happy to recognize a kind disposition on your part.

Very truly and respectfully, yours,

HENRY A. WISE.

The facts communicated in the above letter I furnished to my colleagues at once; which, as will be seen, left us no alternative but to wait and abide the time of the Commissioners of Virginia to enter upon our joint labors. Soon after this period Mr. Waters and myself visited Annapolis, and spent a short time in the examination of our State Archives pertaining to our southern boundary.

During the month of April I spent several days in the Rooms of the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, carefully perusing such ancient works as "O'Gilby's America," a volume published in London in 1671, containing valuable maps of Virginia and Maryland—valuable so far, at least, as to exhibit a tracing of the line between the two States of that ancient date. Also, I find in said Rooms State papers—Counsel Books No. 4, from the year 1669 to 1675; Agreement, in full, between Calvert and Scharbrough, June, 1668; McMahon's History of Maryland; Charters of Virginia and Maryland, a volume printed in London in the year 1776; a volume entitled a "Relation to Maryland," containing a map tracing the line between Maryland and Virginia, passing the southern point of Watkins' Point; (this map is a reprint from a map printed in London in the year 1635; also, Bacon's Laws of Maryland, and other valuable documents furnishing indispensable information relative to a correct location of our State boundary.

Finding now, the season rapidly passing, and learning through the public prints that the Virginia Commissioner to London had returned, I again wrote to Gov. Wise, under date September 4th, and received the following reply:

RICHMOND, VA., September 6th, 1871.

TO WM. J. AYDELOTT, Esq.,

MY DEAR SIR—As you suggest, Mr. De Jarnette has returned from London, bringing with him much valuable historical matter as to the boundary of Virginia and Maryland; but he has not yet made his official report to the Governor of this State, and some time must be allowed to the colleagues of this commissioner to examine the matter which he brings with him.

I am assured that the Virginia commissioners will not delay in examining his report, and that as soon as they can proceed on the joint commission, they will have you duly informed.