

From the united testimony of the said Evans and Marshall, I was at the time compelled to recognize said stone as an old line bounded between the two States. Yet there were no visible marks or impression on the stone to indicate that it was ever used or placed there for such purpose, nor could we determine whether it ever stood on its end, as it was then laying covered slightly in water. Messrs. Evans and Marshall were not on oath, but quite firm in their declarations that this stone had been for a number of years generally recognized as a boulder between the States of Virginia and Maryland. But I have since heard a report, perhaps as well founded and reliable as the statement of Messrs. Evans and Marshall, that the stone in question has often been used as a temporary anchor or fastening to hold large boats, and for that purpose had frequently been moved from place to place, thus leaving us without any undisputed traditional evidence of the original location or purpose of said stone. Messrs. Evans and Marshall also spoke of another stone somewhere in that locality, and spent some time in an effort to show the same to the Commissioners, but failed to find any, and could not agree as to its exact location.

Thus ended, for the time, our labors on the waters of the Sound and those Islands.

Meantime, we had communicated by telegraph to Lieutenant Cutts, of the United States Coast Survey, at Washington, to join us at Crisfield, which resulted in an engagement for him to do so the following Saturday morning.

On the 18th, Mr. De Jarnette and Colonel Watts of the Virginia Commission, joined Governor Wise and myself, thus making the Commission on the part of Virginia full.

After a free and pretty full discussion of our boundary issues with those gentlemen, and a general examination of maps and records before us, I am led to entertain hope and belief that, could the Commission on our part have been full, or a majority of us present, a conclusion and agreement would have been reached satisfactory to the two States.

It was, however, proposed on the part of Virginia, and, with the hope of the arrival of my colleagues, accepted by me, that we would suspend our labors until the arrival of Lieutenant Cutts, and then proceed to retrace the line from the Pocomoke River to the ocean, and, accordingly, that I should return home and meet the Virginia Commissioners and Engineer at the line on the East bank of said river, on Monday morning, where they were to join me by the use of the steamer before employed. Pursuant to this agreement, I repaired to the spot, and there I spent the day alone, and,