

when reaching home at night, received by mail, from Gov. Wise, the following note:

CRISFIELD, MD., October 21, 1871.

WM. J. AYDELOTT, Esq.,

*Dear Sir*—Mr. Cutts, of the Coast Survey, arrived this morning, without any detail or instruments for survey, and Captain Brown, of the steamer Tredegar, has not, up to this hour, 1 o'clock, P. M., arrived. After conference and consultation with Mr. Cutts, the Commissioners of Virginia have concluded to return home, as there is no opportunity, at present, at least, of having a meeting with the Maryland Commissioners.

We do not, of course, propose now to run the line, as understood when you departed from us. You will please communicate this result of our attempt to confer and act with the Maryland Commissioners, to your colleagues. Any communication from them will reach me at Richmond, Virginia.

Yours, very respectfully and truly,

HENRY A. WISE.

My reply to the above elicited the following, which, as will be seen, ended all joint labors of the two Commissions for this season:

ACCOMAC C. H., VA., November 2, 1871.

*My Dear Sir*—Yours of the 24th October was forwarded to me from Richmond, and did not reach me until last evening. I regretted very much, and still regret, that the Virginia Commissioners could not meet their appointment with you on the Pocomoke.

After seeing Mr. Cutts, my colleagues concluded it was impossible to make a proper survey this Fall, and that they had sufficient data on which to report. I am sure that you and I, if left to ourselves, could agree; but now, as it is, I don't feel authorized to act alone, and, I presume the Superior Court of the United States will have to settle the matter, unless Virginia and Maryland continue the Commissions, and they can act next Spring.

With thanks for your efforts this Fall,

I am, very truly, your friend,

HENRY A. WISE.

Wm. J. Aydelott, Esq.

From the above correspondence, it will be seen, that after great labor to effect a successful and satisfactory adjustment of our State boundary difficulties, all work by the Joint Com-