

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the State of Virginia, by an act of its General Assembly, entitled an act to designate the arbitrators to ascertain and fix the boundary between the States of Maryland and Virginia, approved on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, has declared its willingness to submit the said controversy to arbitration, and to accept as final and conclusive, such award as may be made in the premises; therefore—

Boundary line.

Arbitrators

Accept and abide by

Final adjustment

In force

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the settlement and determination of the true line of boundary between the States of Virginia and Maryland, be referred to the Honorable Jeremiah S. Black, of Pennsylvania, and the Honorable William A. Graham, of North Carolina, and a third person to be selected by them, who are hereby requested to act as arbitrators, and to ascertain and determine the true line of boundary between the said States of Virginia and Maryland, and deliver their award in writing, any two of them concurring therein. Each State shall have the right to be represented by counsel before said arbitrators, subject to such regulations as they may prescribe; and the State of Maryland hereby pledges its faith to accept and abide by the award of said arbitrators in the premises as final and conclusive; provided, however, that neither of the States, nor the citizens thereof, shall, by the decision of the said arbitrators, be deprived of any of the rights and privileges enumerated and set forth in the compact between them entered into in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, but that the same shall remain to and be enjoyed by the said States and the citizens thereof, forever.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That until the final adjustment and settlement of the said line of boundary, the temporary line across the Chesapeake Bay, known as the Lovett-Davidson line, shall be faithfully observed by the citizens of the said two States; and the Governor is hereby requested to forward a copy of this act to the Governor of Virginia.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall be in force from its passage.

Approved, April 11th, 1874.