

dred and seventy-six, chapter one hundred and ninety-eight, it was provided that the settlement and determination of the true line of boundary between the States of Virginia and Maryland should be referred to the Honorable Jeremiah S. Black, of Pennsylvania, the Honorable James B. Beck, of Kentucky, and the Honorable Charles A. Jenkins, of Georgia, with power to make and deliver their award in writing, any two of them concurring therein, and did thereby pledge the faith of this State to accept and abide by the award of said arbitrators, as to said boundary line as final and conclusive, with the proviso and saving clauses, as to private rights, as in the said act set forth; and, whereas the said arbitrators did proceed in the premises to examine into and ascertain the true line of said boundary, and did award as to the same in words following, to wit:

*Award.*—And now to wit: January sixteenth, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the undersigned, being a majority of the arbitrators to whom the States of Virginia and Maryland, by acts of their respective legislatures, submitted the controversies concerning their territorial limits, with authority to ascertain and determine the true line of boundary between them, having heard the allegations of the said States and examined the proofs on both sides, do find, declare, award, ascertain and determine that the true line of boundary between the said States, so far as they are conterminous with one another, is as follows, to wit: Award.

Beginning at the point on the Potomac River where the line between Virginia and West Virginia strikes the side river at low water mark, and thence following the meanderings of said river by the low water mark to Smith's Point, at or near the mouth of the Potomac, in the latitude  $37^{\circ} 53' 08''$ , and longitude  $76^{\circ} 13' 46''$ ; thence crossing the waters of the Chesapeake Bay by a line running north  $65^{\circ} 30'$  east, about nine and a-half nautical miles, to a point on the western shore of Smith's Island, at the north end of Sassafra Hammock, in latitude  $37^{\circ} 57' 13''$ , longitude  $76^{\circ} 02' 52''$ ; thence across Smith's Island south  $88^{\circ} 30'$  east, five thousand six hundred and twenty yards, to the centre of Horse Hammock, on Point of beginning.