

CHAP. 275. ly defined, and her boundaries permanently established ; *And whereas*, the true location of the Western line of Maryland, between the States of Maryland and Virginia, beginning at or near the Fairfax stone, on the north branch of the Potomac river, at or near its source, and running in a due north line to the State line of Pennsylvania, is now lost and unknown, and all the marks have been destroyed by time or otherwise ; *And whereas*, the States of Virginia and Maryland have both granted patents to the same tracts of land, at or near the supposed line, and as suits of ejectment are now pending in the Circuit Court for Allegany county, in the State of Maryland, by persons holding under Maryland patents against persons now in possession and holding land under patents granted by the State of Virginia, which cannot be justly settled without establishing said boundary line ; Therefore,

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor, be, and he is requested to open a correspondence with the Governor of Virginia, in relation to tracing, establishing and marking the said line ; and in case the Legislature of Virginia shall pass an act providing for the appointment of a commissioner to act in conjunction with a commissioner on the part of Maryland, in the premises, then, and in such case the Governor be, and he is hereby authorised and required to appoint a commissioner, who, together with the commissioner who shall be appointed on the part of Virginia, shall cause the said line to be accurately surveyed, traced and marked with suitable monuments, beginning therefor at the said Fairfax's stone, and running thence due north, to the line of the State of Pennsylvania.

Duty of com-
missioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the joint duty of the commissioners, after running, locating, establishing and marking the said line, to make a report, setting forth all the facts touching the locating and marking said line ; and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of each respective State, to forward copies of the joint report to each of their respective Legislatures ; and upon the ratification of such report by the State of Virginia and the State of Maryland, through their respective Legislatures, the said boundary lines shall be fixed and established so to remain forever, unless changed by mutual consent of the said States.