

REPORT.

To the Honorable

The House of Delegates of Maryland.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of retracing and marking the southern and western boundary lines of this State, with instructions to ascertain if any further legislation is necessary to effect the adjustment of said lines, with the State of Virginia, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee, fully sensible of the importance of the matter, and of the frequent and vain efforts hitherto, for its adjustment, and satisfied that the delay already suffered in this behalf, has involved many citizens of both States, in tedious and expensive litigation, and may if longer continued, endanger that harmony between the people of Maryland and Virginia, which the memory of their Revolutionary co-operation, the similarity of their institutions, and the integrity of the Union require, should be mutually encouraged and cultivated, have given to the subject of the reference, the most diligent and careful attention, and now submit to your Honorable body, the result of their labors.

Your committee state that by the act of the General Assembly, passed at January session, 1852, chapter 50., the Governor of this State, was requested to open a correspondence with the Governor of Virginia, relating to retracing and marking the boundary line, dividing the State of Maryland from the State of Virginia, between Smith's point and the Atlantic ocean, and the Governor of Maryland, was by the said act, authorised to appoint a commissioner on the part of this State, to unite with any commissioner who might be appointed on the part of Virginia, for that purpose.

That by the act of the General Assembly, of the same session, chapter 275, the Governor was in like manner, requested and authorised, in respect to the western boundary line of this State, beginning at the Fairfax stone, and running thence due north to the line of the State of Pennsylvania. That in pursuance of the request and authority contained in the two aforesaid acts of Assembly, the late Governor of Maryland, did open a correspondence with the Governor of Virginia in relation to the retracing and marking the said boundary line.

That on the 3d day of March 1854 the Legislature of the State