

MR. MERRICK, Chairman.

**REPORT
OF THE
SELECT COMMITTEE**

ON

THE BOUNDARY.

The special Committee to whom was referred so much of the late Executive Message as relates to the southern and western boundaries of this State, have given to the subject that careful examination and attentive consideration, its great importance and the delicate nature of the pending controversy in relation thereto, with a sister State, seemed to require, and respectfully beg leave to

REPORT:

That although they have been unable to discern any thing in the Executive Communication immediately referred to them or the previous actions of the State of Maryland, in relation to this interesting subject, which does not command their entire approbation, or which would indicate the propriety of reviewing in any manner at this time, the merits of the controversy, or recommending any relaxation or change in the course deliberately determined upon by the State at the last session of the Legislature, yet anxious to preserve, if possibly, within the reach of any means compatible with the honor and just rights of Maryland, that harmony and good understanding heretofore so long and so happily existing between the two States; your Committee have thought it might be conducive to that desirable end, and not inconsistent with the duties assigned them, to notice some of the views expressed in the late Message of his Excellency Governor Tazewell, to the Legislature of Virginia, in reference to this subject. This document is not officially before us, but it has been given to the world through the press, and emanat-