

Resolved, That the governor be requested to have purchased ten copies of "Strickland's Reports on canals, rail roads," &c. and distributed as follows:

One copy for the use of the executive.

Two copies for the senate.

Three copies for the house of delegates.

One copy for the use of the board of public works.

The residue to be at the disposal of the legislature.

The amendments to the several bills and resolutions returned from the senate yesterday, were severally read and assented to.

On motion by Mr. Perry, the following resolution was read:

Whereas, it is all important to this state, and to the citizens thereof, on its western limits, that the dividing line and boundary between this state and the state of Virginia should be settled and ascertained. And whereas, numerous efforts have been made by the legislature of this state to adjust the same by mutual compact, all of which have been found ineffectual; and the dignity and interest of the state imperiously demand that it should adopt some mode of ascertaining its right to the territory now held by the state of Virginia, which of right this legislature think the state of Maryland is entitled to, therefore,

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized, to employ such counsel as they may think proper, to institute a suit or suits, in the name of this state, or in the name or names of any person or persons, in the courts of the United States, in such manner as the said council may direct, for the purpose of ascertaining the right of this state to any territory lying between the north and south branches of the river Potomac, and a line drawn due north from the most western source of said river to the Pennsylvania line, now held by the state of Virginia; and that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized, to pay to the order of the governor and council a sum not exceeding —, for expenses in the prosecution of said suit or suits.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, March 3, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the resolution which was passed in this house in favour of John Barnes, clerk of Charles county court, and request that you will reconsider, and concur with us in passing it. We ask your attention to the report of the committee which was made with the resolution, on the 24th day of February, and to the report of the committee of grievances made on the 23d day of February, for the reasons which induced the house of delegates to adopt the resolution. It is not necessary to add additional argument to the reports, or to the letters received from the judges of Charles county court. We are informed that the records can be completed in the time specified in the resolution.

Mr. Duvall delivers the following report: