

Virginia, in relation to the long unexecuted Summary in
wealth and this state, and the fact of the journal of the
the authenticated copy herewith transmitted. It demonstrates beyond
settlement of the pending controversy in the more judicious
and finding that the fair, impartial and certain mode of termination, in
Commissioners to be appointed by the two States, respectively, with full
powers, and in case of their disagreement, by the impartial umpirage of
the Governor, (for the time being) of the State of Delaware, which was
years since proposed, and which was renewed under the Resolution of December
1831, — that the Legislature of Virginia is not disposed to treat upon the
subject, but upon the assumption, on their part, of said important, if not the main
point in dispute, we deemed it proper to forbear any further correspondence
in relation thereto. And we now submit the matter to your consideration
under the fullest conviction that, in its present posture, we cannot consistently
the dignity of the State, make any further advance, nor a just one, by
— that we have no other alternatives, but to yield the contest and resign
our claims, or to assert our rights before the tribunal Constitutionally authorized
Judicially, to decide upon them.

We submit for your consideration communications from the
Executives of the States of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, with proceedings
by the Legislatures of those States, respectively, for the appropriation of
their Documents, relating, as they do, to a subject connected by our Legislature
with the fiscal affairs of the State, and entitled to your serious consideration.
A Report of a committee, and sundry Resolutions of the Legis-
lature of Massachusetts, in relation to the public Lands of the United
States, and the Bill which was passed by the last Congress for the
distribution of the proceeds of their sales, amongst the States, are
before you in compliance with the request of His Excellency
Lincoln. We also lay before you two other communications
from Governor Lincoln, enclosing Reports and Resolutions
by the General Assembly of Massachusetts, upon the several
propositions of South Carolina and Georgia, for a Convention
to revise the Constitution of the United States; also a communication
from His Excellency A. M. Scott, Governor of the State of Illinois,
with a Report and Resolutions of that State upon the same
also a communication from His Excellency Samuel E. Smith,
of the State of Maine, with a Report, and Resolutions of the
Assembly of that State, in relation to recent proceedings
of South Carolina for nullifying certain laws of the United States,
communication from His Excellency Henry W. Allen,
of the State of Connecticut, with Resolutions of the General
Assembly of that State, on the subject of the tariff, and
and amendments of the Constitution of the United
States of Georgia; also a communication from
Governor Lincoln.