

All further action of the Commission, necessarily remained in abeyance until the General Assembly of Maryland, in 1856, appropriated the sum of \$3000 to provide for the payment of the expenses. I then again addressed the Commissioner of Virginia respecting the importance, in every point of view, of a speedy adjustment of our indefinite Continental boundaries; and requesting him to urge the subject on the attention of the Legislature of Virginia then in session. In reply he informed me that he had resigned his appointment, and that his successor had not been named; nor have I yet been advised that the vacancy has been filled. Mr. Morris was kind enough to say that he fully agreed with me as to the importance of a speedy action in the matter; and that as an individual he would earnestly call the attention of the Legislature to the subject. On a subsequent personal interview I understood him to say that his efforts had failed of success; and that there was an evident indisposition on the part of that Body to disturb the boundary on the Eastern Shore as at present existing.

I have been informed on what I consider to be good authority that the people within the disputed Territory on the Eastern Shore, prefer or did prefer, some years ago, annexation to Maryland rather than to remain in their present position.

Deeply impressed with the evils which have already resulted, and which are likely to be greatly aggravated for the future, to the people of both States, from the uncertainty of the boundaries separating them which must ultimately lead to conflicts of jurisdiction and angry controversies touching the right of property and of persons, I respectfully suggest that my successor should be authorized to visit the city of Richmond for the purpose of bringing this matter prominently before the government of Virginia; not doubting that an appeal to its sense of justice, to the kind feelings which ought to prevail between friendly bordering states having a common interest, and the policy of preventing difficulties between their citizens, would be effectual in the settlement of this vexed question.

Respectfully
 Your Obedient
 Servant
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 Commissioner