

An Act to ascertain and fix the boundary lines of the States of Maryland and Virginia which your Excellency directed to be forwarded to his Honor the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Governor directs me to inform your Excellency that he is now preparing to complete the execution of the laws passed to have and mark said boundary lines, and that he has appointed Thomas J. Lee of Baltimore County Esquire to be Commissioner on the part of the State of Maryland for that purpose.

Your Excellency shall have appointed a Commissioner on the part of Virginia, and cause the Governor to be notified of the facts. Mr. Lee will be instructed to organize the joint Commission and proceed to the execution of its duties.

Under date of the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1856 the Governor of this State informed your Excellency of the measures taken by the General Assembly of this State and enclosed certified copies of the laws passed to that end, to which the Governor directs me respectfully to ask the attention of your Excellency as those under which the Maryland Commissioners will be empowered to act.

The Governor further directs me to suggest to your Excellency that it would be very desirable in his opinion to ask of the General Government that some officer of the Corps of Engineers of the United States be detailed to co-operate with or accompany the Commissioners whose labors would thereby be greatly facilitated. This has been done in the case of the adjustment of the Boundary lines between Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland which was attended with difficulties of such nature as to render such cooperation most advantageous.

And the Governor proposes with your Excellency's assent and joining in the Application to ask for such assistance

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

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Chas R. Partridge  
Sec of State.