

REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS

RELATIVE TO

A Retrocession of a part of the Territory of the District of Columbia,
TO
THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 30, 1838.

Read the second time by special order and dissented from.

By order,

GEO. G. BREWER, Clerk.

BY THE SENATE,

March 29, 1838.

The select committee to whom was referred the memorial of the city of Georgetown, and that portion of the county of Washington which lies without its limits and west of Rock Creek, all of the District of Columbia, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave unanimously, to submit the following report thereon:

The object of the memorialists, necessarily contemplates for its accomplishment, the action of the National Legislature as well as that of this State, and to each body it will present, in some respects, different questions; your committee have, however, deemed it proper to limit their examination to those considerations that appear properly to address themselves to the latter body.

The territory represented in the memorial, it is known, formerly constituted a part of the county of Montgomery of this State, and was ceded to the United States, for the accomplishment of an object of supposed National importance. In reviewing the history of this cession, your committee can discover in it, no valid objection on the part of the State, to accept a retrocession of the territory, provided, that the Congress of the United States shall be willing to surrender their peculiar jurisdiction over it. The memorial offers a considerable accession of territory, population and wealth, that can be annexed to the State without impairing the compactness of its limits, general policy obviously dictates the acceptance of such offers, and your committee are of opinion that, so far from the present instance presenting an exception to this policy, there are some consider-