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**REPORT**

OF THE

**COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS,**

TO WHICH WAS REFERRED THAT PORTION OF THE

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The Committee on Federal Relations, to which was referred that portion of the Governor's Message which relates to the controversy now existing between the United States and Great Britain in reference to the Oregon Territory, as well as certain Resolutions presented to the House of Delegates upon the same subject, beg leave to offer the following Report.

Your committee do not deem it necessary or appropriate, under all the circumstances, to detail with any minuteness the different grounds on which the United States and Great Britain have, at various times, placed their respective claims of title, to the territory in dispute.

The recent correspondence, between the British Minister and the American Secretary of State, has thrown so much light upon the subject, and placed so prominently before the country the views and opinions of both Governments in relation to their respective titles, that it would be a work of supererogation to recapitulate either the facts or the arguments deduced from them, on which reliance has been placed to sustain either the one or the other of these titles. It is assumed that the members of this House have not failed to avail themselves of the information thus given to the public, upon a question of such vital interest to the country, and that from a careful review of all the facts and circumstances, of which they have thus become informed, they will doubtless be enabled to arrive at opinions and conclusions, in reference to the question of title, quite as satisfactory to themselves, as any which it is in the power of the committee to suggest or recommend.