

APPENDIX.

MR. PIGMAN'S REPORT RELATIVE TO THE *SOUTHERN AND WESTERN LIMITS* OF THIS STATE.

The committee to whom sundry resolutions were referred relative to the southern and western limits of this state, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That they have arranged their enquiry in order as proposed by each resolution, beginning with the first, as best calculated to keep in view the object of the senate, and to present to the consideration of both branches of the legislature, the whole mass of facts and circumstances in consecutive form, starting from the root of the title of Maryland to its domain through all adversary or other pretensions.

1st. Your committee have been instructed to inquire and report to the senate "what were the true southern and western limits of the Province of Maryland, according to the original charter from the King of Great Britain to Lord Baltimore."

By an examination of the third section of that charter, your committee find the grant to Baltimore so defined by natural boundaries, leading from one point to another all round the grant, that it has produced in your committee no little surprise to learn from the early history of the province, the legal perplexities in which the proprietary was involved, concerning them. They were indelible signs of nature, skirted along the whole grant, and were doubtless intended to put out of the reach of all controversy the intention of the grantor in carving out of his immense domain a territory for Lord Baltimore. The third section declares that it was intended to contain "all that part of the Peninsula, or Chersouese, lying in the parts of America between the ocean on the east, and the bay of Chesapeake on the west, divided from the residue thereof by a right line drawn