

Branch, as the relative length of the two branches, and other circumstances, concur to shew that the South Branch, commonly called 'Wappacomo,' is the main and principal course of that river;" and expressed a hope "that Fairfax would concur with him in causing such an examination of the two branches as will put the question to rest." M'Mahon's History of Maryland, page 52, 53. Council Proceedings of Maryland, Liber T. R. and W. S. 12, 13. The historian also refers to Jefferson's Notes on Virginia, page 193, 194. "From this period until the revolution, the existing records of the council and assembly transactions are entirely silent as to this contest, of which an accurate history can be collected only from the records of the English Council. Fairfax continued to adhere to the line run from the stone planted by himself and Virginia; and the Proprietary of Maryland continued to assert his claim to the first fountain, be that where it might."—M'Mahon's History of Maryland.

It is quite clear to your committee, if the American Revolution had not intervened, a collision must have ensued between the grants of Fairfax and Baltimore, which would have brought about an amicable adjustment of boundaries, or forced a determination before the King in Council.—That glorious event in American history, took away this dispute from Fairfax and Baltimore, and vested it in the independent states of Virginia and Maryland; and the former in the very act of forming her constitution, made an express recognition of all the rights of the latter within the limits of her original charter, and left nothing to be done but an ascertainment of these limits by actual examination and survey. But your committee are constrained to remark, that the virtuous precept which is found in the constitution of Virginia, has never been followed up by the same frankness and generosity in ascertaining and yielding to us our limits. While Maryland has asked for nothing but a clear ascertainment of her limits as recognized and acknowledged by Virginia, upon terms suitable to the honour and dignity of both states, she has been asked by Virginia to permit the latter to fix beforehand the place of beginning. This is stated with pain and reluctance—but it is a truth that ought not to be concealed. The people of Virginia and the world, should know the wrong done to us by our sister state, who acted so just when the revolution was in embryo. Soon after the