

part of this state in order to establish the wester boundary thereof. have referred to the resolution of Maryland, passed during the November session 1801; they have also attentively perused the correspondence of the executive of this state with that of Virginia, and the resolution of the legislature of Virginia on this subject; from all which it appears evident, that the state of Virginia is not, at this time disposed, to adopt any measures calculated to meet a discussion of the right of this state to the territory included between the north and south branch of Patowmack: Although the western boundary line of this state cannot be definitely settled until it shall be finally agreed between the two states which of those branches ought to be deemed the main branch of the river, yet, as the committee are furnished with evidence satisfactory to them, that a source of the northern branch has been discovered some distance farther to the westward than that which has been hitherto reputed the corner south boundary of the state, which consequently, on a line running due north for more than thirty miles, till it intersects the Pennsylvania line, might add considerably, not only to the jurisdiction, but also to the property of the state, and it being understood that considerable portion of these lands, which falls between the present and expected lines of intersection, has remained unlocated, from the uncertainty of the boundary. and as the state of Virginia, by their resolution before referred to, appears to be willing and prompt to adopt the necessary measures to enable this state to secure that portion of her claims. Your committee have prepared and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor and Council be and they are hereby authorised and required to adopt the measures necessary to carry into effect, as soon as may be, in concert with the state of Virginia, the resolution of the legislature of this state, passed during the Nov. session 1801, so far as the same can be effected conformably with the resolution of the legislature of Virginia of the 26th day of January 1802, by causing to be run, by commissioners, as herein proposed, a line from the western source of the north branch of Patowmack, due north, till it intersects the Pennsylvania line, which line when agreed upon, run and marked, by and under the authority of the said commissioners, shall be considered and held as the western boundary line between this state and the state of Virginia, until farther and definitive measures shall be taken to ascertain the southern boundary of this state.

By order.

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