

state has suffered by the death of two of her most esteemed and eminent citizens, the late General Wm. H. Winder, one of the commissioners originally appointed, and the late chancellor Johnson, who was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by his death. Upon the occurrence of this second vacancy, Reverdy Johnson, Esq. was appointed to supply the place. The Governor and Council are not in possession of any official information in relation to the progress made by the commissioners in carrying the object of their appointment into effect, not having received any official report from them, but they are verbally informed by two of the commissioners now in this city, that their report will be speedily made to the legislature agreeably to the directions of the law.

No correspondence has been had by the executive of this state with the executive of the state of Virginia, since the communication from this department before referred to, except what relates to the appointment of commissioners on the part of the respective states, the time and place of their meeting, &c.

We have the honor to be,

With great respect, your obedient servants,

SAMUEL STEVENS.

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No. 14.

The Commissioners on the part of Maryland to the Commissioners on the part of Virginia.

Smith's Tavern, August 7th, 1824.

Gentlemen:—In the conference which we had the honor to hold with you on the fourth instant, it was stated by us that we should feel authorized by our commission to ascertain, the point which might correctly be termed the western source of the North Branch of the Potomac; and to commence the divisional line between the states of Maryland and Virginia from that source. We had also the honor to inquire of you whether by the commission under which you act, you considered yourselves authorized to commence at any other spot than at the Fairfax stone, in the event of your being convinced, by an examination of the streams at the head of the river, that stone was not located at the head of the stream which ought properly to be considered the true source of the Western Branch of the Potomac river. We then understood from you that you would decline giving us an answer to the inquiry until you had viewed the streams at the head of the North Branch.