

No. 18.

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

Smith's Tavern, Aug. 8, 1824.

To James Boyle and E. F. Chambers, Esqs.

Gentlemen:—We have to acknowledge the receipt of your separate letters of this morning, and in reply beg leave to state, that we entirely concur with Col. Boyle in thinking that the object of our mission cannot in any manner be advanced by any further correspondence on the subject, as we cannot agree for reasons already sufficiently stated, on the beginning point. We consider our functions at an end. In answer however, to so much of the communication of Col. Chambers, as refers to a subject not only not within the scope of either statute, under which we have been conjointly called on to act, but expressly excluded by both, we would only remark, that the first allusion to it was seen by us with infinite surprise and regret, and that we felt constrained to notice it only as a question no longer open as beyond the bounds of our legitimate enquiries, which we have uniformly considered as extending only to the settlement of, and not the stirring up of questions.

H. L. Opie,
T. F. Mason,
H. Boyle.

True copy from the original—Test,
John Brewer, Secretary to Maryland Commissioners.

No. 19.

From Commissioners relative to the Western Bounds of Maryland, 1824.

To the Honourable the President of the Senate, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

The undersigned takes leave to present for the information of the legislature, such facts in relation to the progress which has been made in execution of the act of 1818, chap. 206, as appear proper to be subjoined to the report of this date made by Colonel Boyle.

An interview with the Virginia commissioners induced me to believe at a very early period, that an agreement on the subject of the boundary line could not be made, except on the