

erans of the Maryland line, and in a spirit of grateful remembrance for their services, he was expressly enjoined to avoid all conflicting title. This line is declared by the legislature of this state in the year 1788 "to be far within that which this state may rightfully claim as its western boundary; and that at a time of more leisure the consideration of the legislature ought to be drawn to the western boundaries of this state."

This communication would have been made sooner, but the plat shewing the distance between Fairfax stone and the most western source of the North Branch, was not forwarded by the chief engineer until a few days since, and will be transmitted to the general assembly by my worthy colleague, Col. Chambers, in whose possession it is.

I have the honor, gentlemen, to be,

With sentiments of high respect,
and consideration, yours,

JAMES BOYLE.

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Whereas it is all important to this state, and to the citizens thereof, on its western limits, that the dividing line and boundary between this state and the state of Virginia, should be settled and ascertained; therefore,

Resolved, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and requested to appoint three commissioners on the part of this state, to meet such commissioners as may be appointed on the part of the commonwealth of Virginia, to settle and adjust by mutual compact between the two governments, the western limits of this state, and the dividing and boundary lines between this state, and the commonwealth of Virginia, and also to settle and adjust as aforesaid, any claim of this state or of the commonwealth of Virginia to territory within the limits of the other state.

Resolved, That in case of disagreement between the commissioners appointed on the part of this state, and on the part of the commonwealth of Virginia, the executive of this state shall request the governor of the state of Delaware, for the time being, to appoint an umpire, who shall be vested with full powers to settle and adjust the several matters in controversy between this state and the commonwealth of