

resolutions to the favorable consideration of the legislature of Virginia, at their next session."

And we submit herewith a copy of governor Tyler's letter in reply, by which you will perceive, that his excellency received our communication in the most friendly spirit, and that he considers the propositions contained in the resolutions "as well calculated to bring the subject to a close."

Council Chamber,
Annapolis, Feb'y. 4th, 1832.

I certify that the foregoing is truly copied from a record of executive proceedings remaining in this office

Thos. Culbreth, Clerk of the Council!

No. 25.

Petition of several citizens relative to the divisional line between Maryland and Virginia.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland,

Your undersigned petitioners beg leave to represent to your honorable body, that they have lived for a long time, (some five, and from that to 20 years,) on a tract of land called the Diadem, in Allegany county, and state of Maryland, and have cleared considerably on our plantations, and about five years back, a Mr. William Elliott and Abraham Jefferies, laid a Virginia land warrant on the same tract of land, and demanded possession of our improvements; we refused, on the plea that we lived in Maryland, and on another man's land; we were shortly after notified to attend at Kingwood court, where an ejectment suit was brought against us; we refused as before on the same grounds that we lived in Maryland, and would not attend to any precept from the other side of the line; we some time after were visited by the sheriff and requested to give possession, we again refused as before, and he left us in possession of our homes; a few days after came the sheriff with a force of 18 armed men, some with guns, some with axes, and others with dirks and knives, and again demanded possession; the man of the house refused, and immediately the door was dashed to pieces, and the family torn from their house, the furniture thrown out of doors in the midst of a heavy rain, from which treatment he received considerable damage and great