

act, as well as to remove all causes of quarrel and discord, it has been held by the law of nations; that it is the duty of each state to know with certainty, the limits of her Territory for the better protection and management of her eminent domain. But from causes not fully known to your committee, our predecessors did not close the dispute with Virginia in regard to our southern and western boundaries, although we find upon record in our archives of state, many successive efforts through various periods of our history to effect that very desirable object, by means the most liberal persuasive and conciliatory. In that part of the executive message to which the attention of your committee has been specially directed, connected with documents received from the state of Virginia, we are finally told, that the boundaries in question will not be settled, unless we permit that state to be sole arbiter and judge. We have sought for the mild and gentle mode of friendly arbitrement. Virginia, has refused, and asserts the right of being sole judge in her own cause. A course of proceeding, it is believed, heretofore unknown in a matter of dispute between states, who sincerely desire a continuance of friendly relations, and which cannot be allowed by this state, as your committee believe, without loss of her reputation and dignity, which each member of the legislature, ought to be careful to guard and protect.

2nd. The part of the executive message, which relates to those boundaries, has no doubt grown out of the report and resolutions passed by the legislature at December session 1831, which report and resolutions No. 128, may be found bound with the laws of that session. The same report and resolutions, with a schedule of documents in the appendix, may also be found in the proceedings of the Senate of that session. Your committee will abstain from reciting over again, the report, resolutions and papers so diligently collected during that session, but beg leave to solicit the members of both branches, to give these papers a careful and thorough reading, as they are referred to, as a part of this report. They collect and throw into one view, the whole mass of facts as far as they were then known, to put this state