

in possession of the true ground of her claim and pretensions. This report, resolutions and papers in the appendix, were in due time transmitted by our executive, to the proper functionaries of Virginia, and without denying one single fact contained therein; and without any argument to confute or overturn any one of our positions, she has determined it seems by a solemn act of her legislature, to close the door of negotiation upon us, according to her own will and pleasure. Such arrogance ought not to mingle in negotiations between states, although they may be distant from each other and without any affinity from political Union, upon matters fairly in dispute, and has been received with surprise from a state, united with Maryland under the same general government.

3d. By the report of December session 1831, this state determined that the southern and western limits of the country as defined by the original charter from the King of Great Britain to Lord Baltimore, ought to be the Southern and Western limits of this state if viewed as a strict matter of right."

On the 6th day of May 1776, the general convention of delegates and representatives, who framed the constitution of Virginia, met at Williamsburgh, to form her state constitution, and in the twenty-first section of that instrument, it is admitted. "The territories contained within the charters erecting the colonies of Maryland and Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, are hereby ceded, released and forever confirmed to the people of those colonies respectively, with all the rights of property, jurisdiction and government, and all other rights whatsoever." In this section Virginia abandoned the territory within the limits of the Maryland charter. But having assumed the right to "cede, release, confirm, &c. &c." which intimated that she had some previous right to the eminent domain, in the Maryland convention, which met to form our constitution in the following month of October, it was resolved un-animously (as a protest,) your committee believe that Virginia had no right to any of the territory &c. inclu-