

turn 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."

"In 1831, the matter was again brought before our legislature, in a report and resolutions which were sent to the Governor of Virginia, and so far as your committee are informed, that state does not claim the country south of the North Branch, by alienation, usucaption or prescription. But the legislature of that state passed a law at the last session, fixing an arbitrary place of beginning, and thus putting at defiance the whole Maryland claim and pretensions, without denying our facts, and without offering an argument to subvert any one of our positions."

Upon more mature reflection your committee believe it will be more satisfactory to the people of this state, to see spread upon our proceedings, the whole correspondence between the executives of Maryland and Virginia, to sustain the committee in those parts of the first report. The correspondence appears by the schedule of papers marked A. B. C. D.

After a most diligent enquiry in the executive department of this state, your committee have ascertained, that *no other report, paper or document, has been received from the state of Virginia in answer to our report and resolutions of 1831.* And it is manifest in the papers now referred to, which constitute the answer to our report and resolutions of that session, that our facts are not denied, and no argument is offered to confute any one of our positions. In the letter of Governor Floyd of Nov. 29th, 1832, he admits the state of Virginia has documents in her possession, and declares it to be his opinion that they are sufficiently strong to induce Governor Howard to abandon the claim altogether as untenable. But the documents are not sent to our executive for the information of this state, who was certainly entitled to them in an official form, if it was the intention of Virginia to rely upon them, either as a denial of our facts, or as argu-