

TUESDAY, February 10th, 1835.

The Senate met. Present the same Senators as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Morris, Hughlett and Groome, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act for the establishment of Vestries for each parish in this state.

Mr Pigman from the committee to which was referred the report and resolutions relative to the Southern and Western Boundary of this state, submitted the following report.

Which was read the first time.

The committee to whom the report and several resolutions were referred, from the House of Delegates relative to the Southern and Western Boundaries of this State, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion they ought not to pass, and respectfully report, that from a high regard due to that house sent from the people annually, the committee deem it fit and proper to state the reasons, and considerations, which have brought them to this conclusion.

1. The Senate will remember, that after the most patient forbearance, and gentle conciliatory course of proceedings, for more than half a century, endeavouring to settle our limits with our sister Virginia, a joint committee of both houses at the last session, were charged with that important subject, and after a thorough examination and reflection, made a report with sundry resolutions, which received the sanction of the Legislature; and one of which requested the Attorney General to cause suit to be instituted by this State against Virginia, in the Supreme Court of the United States, for the purpose of procuring a final, legal adjustment and settlement of our Southern and Western Boundaries, which suit has been brought, and now by the report and resolutions in question a *retraxit* has been proposed, and we are called upon to say, Maryland will proceed no further.

2 Before this sudden change is made in our position, involving as it must, the danger of casting upon the reputation of Maryland, censure for want of sound councils, cautious and prudent deliberations, and judicious perseverance in a final step taken of so much moment,