

the next session. In this letter the Governor says, "I cannot however, otherwise than believe, that had the documents lately come into our possession, been known to you, that you would have abandoned the claim as untenable."—Maryland had in the fulness of her candour, furnished Virginia with her whole ground arguments and documents, while Virginia conceals hers from our consideration, never sends them to us officially and determined for herself upon this great question, in her own cause. At the next session of the Legislature of Virginia, to meet our report and resolutions of 1831, an act to settle her western limits and the boundary between the two States, was passed March 5th, 1833. By this act, it is true, commissioners were appointed to meet ours. But the place of beginning was fixed, and Virginia refused to meet this State by friendly arbitrament with power for the Governor of Delaware, to appoint an umpire, and in fact decided the whole matter and instructed her commissioners to run and establish the lines eventually, without the consent of Maryland. At our December session 1833, both houses appointed a joint committee, to consider and report upon these matters in dispute, between the two States. The Virginia act of the 5th of March 1833, was fully examined by the joint committee, as a part of their deliberations. This act of Assembly, was sent by Governor Floyd to Governor Thomas, under cover of a letter dated, the 24th of April 1833, without any explanation of its extraordinary tenour and effect, as an agreement on the part of Virginia, to appoint her commissioners, to meet ours under our resolutions of 1831, and was fully considered in joint committee, who reported the resolutions which it is now proposed to repeal. The act was too plain. To impute or admit misapprehension, in our deliberative councils, upon a matter so clear would be unjust, and ought not to receive the sanction of the Legislature—States ought to have some regard to their honor and reputation as well as individuals; and Virginia in this controversy, has had more than a special regard to her honor, and shall Maryland in the tone of the Report and Resolutions of the House of Delegates turn away from her deliberate determinations.

3. The Report and Resolutions under consideration, recommend the repeal of Resolutions No. 80, passed at December session, 1833. No. 80 contains six several