

resolutions; and the first and second surely this State never ought to retract, if there could be any possible doubt about the others. The first declares that it is necessary for the peace and security of our people and dignity of the State, that our Southern and Western limits should be finally settled; and in the second, this State has expressed her deep regret at the refusal on the part of Virginia to leave the settlement of matters in dispute to friendly arbitration.

4. The Report, amongst other things, admits that there is nothing in the proceedings of Maryland in relation to the controversy with Virginia, which does not command the entire approbation of the House of Delegates, or which requires reviewing, or any relaxation or change in the course deliberately determined upon at the last session of the legislature. But to preserve harmony between the two states, if possibly within the reach of any means compatible with the honor and just rights of Maryland, the House of Delegates has determined to relax our proceedings, and change our position, because of some of the views expressed in a late message of his excellency Governor Tazewell, to the legislature of Virginia, on that subject; and because, in that document, it is declared that the law of Virginia, to settle the Western limits of that State and the boundary between that State and Maryland, passed the 5th March, 1833, was intended as an acceptance of our own proposition for the amicable settlement of the questions existing between us. In the official correspondence of his excellency with Governor Thomas, there is nothing more than an acknowledgment of the receipt of the Maryland proceedings, without the slightest wish expressed on the part of Virginia, to explain the extraordinary act of the 5th March, 1833; and without any intimation of misapprehension on our part of the terms of that law. As, therefore, the message referred to in the report did not come to this State through the proper channel, your committee doubt the propriety of taking notice of it in our State deliberations. But, as that paper has been referred to by the House of Delegates, your Committee will give it a brief notice, and some examination. The message of Governor Tazewell has not been before your Committee; but the Report states that it is declared in the message, that the law of Virginia, of the 5th March, 1833, was intended as an accept-