

ance of our own proposition; and also that the appeal made by Maryland to the Supreme Court was probably occasioned by our misapprehension of the terms of the Virginia law. The Report admits that the House of Delegates has discovered nothing like menace on the part of Maryland, in any part of her proceedings, but at the same time seems to intimate that the Virginia law was probably misunderstood by us, as alleged by the Governor, which caused our appeal to the laws. Now your committee believe that the Virginia act was well understood at the last session. Instead of meeting our friendly overture of arbitrament and eventual umpire with unlimited powers, Virginia manifestly assumed the right of settling the principal matter in dispute. Your Committee believe that Virginia and Maryland hold equal rank and dignity in our cluster of Republics, neither of them having a right to assume for herself superiority. Virginia was not content with equality, and assumed in the dispute an air of superior right. It is therefore beyond dispute, your Committee believe, that in the Maryland proceedings of last session, there was neither ignorance of the meaning of the Virginia law, nor the least misapprehension of its extraordinary tenor and effect.

5. It is admitted in the Report that Maryland holds, by the Baltimore Charter, which has been acknowledged by Virginia, that it is right and indispensable that the meaning of the Charter should be settled, and our limits ascertained and defined, and further declares that the honor of Maryland forbids all dictation of the terms of adjustment, and finally declares that the law of Virginia, of the 5th March, 1833, is directly opposed to the equitable and moderate wishes of this State. There is nothing, therefore, in the whole Report, which imputes the least blame to the proceedings of last session, except the slight intimation that the Virginia law was probably misunderstood, which is now clearly repelled. From the whole history of the negotiation, it is manifest, Maryland was left without a single ray of hope for any settlement of the matters in dispute, upon fair and equal terms, without resorting to adversary proceedings. She cheerfully accords to Virginia the full meed of praise for her correct sense of State honour, and for the highly useful part she has often acted as a sister in our political history, by checking the abuses