

Letters To The Editor.

Return Arlington County?

To the Editor of The Post—Sir: The only right way to settle the Virginia-District of Columbia boundary dispute is to restore to the District of Columbia that small portion of Virginia that was a part of it from 1791 to 1846.

Why not take the cornerstone at Jones Point and the other District of Columbia boundary stones along the Arlington County line as a working basis for the boundary line instead of the high-water mark?

George Washington surveyed the area and laid the cornerstones to insure its permanency. He wanted a part of his native State a part of the Federal District and also put his home town Alexandria within the District of Columbia.

No one can look at the square of the District of Columbia as shown on the map without realizing that the full District of Columbia square should be restored. Washington now needs more area in which to expand and there is no better time than now when the District of Columbia boundary is being determined to return the Virginia portion of that square. A mistake similar to that of 1846 should not be repeated at this session of Congress.

The interests of Arlington County and Alexandria are much more closely related to those of the District of Columbia than to those of Virginia. And with the Government holdings in Arlington Cemetery and Fort Myer, Arlington County like the District of Columbia is national in aspect.

I believe many people of Arlington County and Alexandria want to become a part of the City of Washington and enjoy the advantages and benefits of a large city.

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