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ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY March 7

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On March 7, 1866, the U. S. Congress recognized and consented to the transfer of Berkeley and Jefferson counties from Virginia to West <u>Virginia.</u>

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Investigate the Document: (Papers of Governor Arthur I. Boreman, AR-1723, No. 116, June 12, 1865)

- 1. What does the author of the letter say is the reason for the "state of confusion" in Jefferson County?
- 2. What facts are presented in this source? *List two*. Are there any presented that would explain why the header reads, "Charlestown, Jefferson County, Va" despite the letter being dated in 1865? If so, what?
- 3. What position did Francis Pierpont and Arthur Boreman hold at one time, respectively?

Think Critically: The Civil War had just concluded, and the state of West Virginia was still in its infancy; what issues do you believe the young state had in the years following the war? Did Virginia believe West Virginia was created constitutionally? What information was not included in the letter?

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