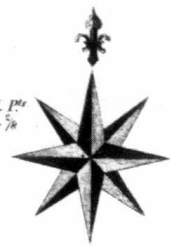


PLAN
of the City of Washington
 in the Territory of Columbia.
ceded by the States of
VIRGINIA and MARYLAND
to the United States of America
 and by them established as the
SEAT of their GOVERNMENT.
after the Year
MDCCC.

Prepared by Wm. B. Maury



Lat. Capitol..... 38. 53. N.
 Long..... 0. 0.

Observations
 explanatory of the Plan.

THE positions for the different Edifices, and for the several Squares or Areas of different shapes, as they are laid down, were first determined on the most advantageous ground, commanding the most extensive prospects, and then after a comparison of such improvements as either use or ornament may hereafter call for.

LINES or avenues of direct communication have been devised, to connect the separate and most distant objects with the principal, and to preserve through the whole a reciprocity of sight at the same time. Attention has been paid to the fastings of these leading avenues over the most favorable ground for prospect and convenience.

NORTH and South lines, intersected by others running due East and West, make the distribution of the City into Streets, Squares, &c. and these lines have been so combined as to meet at certain given points, with those divergent avenues, so as to form on the squares first determined, the different Squares or Streets.

SCALE OF POLES.



Perpendicular height of the summit of the Capitol above the level of the tide, on and a half..... 256. 7. 7

Perpendicular height of the West front above the tide in Tiber Creek..... 153. 7. 5

The water of this Creek may be conveyed to the level of the Capitol, and after ascending that part of the City may be declined to other useful purposes. The perpendicular height of the ground above the Capitol is indicated in above the side of West front, &c.

Breadth of the Streets.

THE ground avenues, and such Streets as lead immediately to public places, are from 120 to 150 feet wide, and may be conveniently divided into foot ways, walks of trees, and carriage way. The other Streets are from 100 to 110 feet wide.

IN order to execute this plan, Mr. ELLICOTT drew a true Meridional line by celestial Observation, which passes through the Street intended for the Capitol; this line he crossed by another due East and West, which passes through the same Street. These lines were accurately measured, and made the basis on which the whole plan was executed. He ran all the lines by a Transit Instrument, and determined the acute angles by actual Measurement, and left nothing to the uncertainty of the Compass.

