

To His Excellency,

JAMES THOMAS,

Governor of Maryland.

THE undersigned, commissioned in pursuance of a resolution of the General Assembly, passed at its last session, to make the necessary examinations preliminary to a general survey of the territory of Maryland, beg leave respectfully to report:—

That upon communication to them of their having been selected to execute the provisions of the resolution before mentioned—on the 25th of May last: they immediately applied themselves to the discharge of the required duties. These duties were understood to be:

1. A general reconnoissance of the entire territory of the State, with a view to proper arrangements for subsequent Topographical admeasurement and Geological examination, and,

2. An inquiry after, and collection of all such authentic information, contained in maps or charts, as covered any part of the said territory of Maryland.

The first mentioned division of their duties—commenced on the 25th of May—occupied them, with two intervals of a few days each, until the 6th of September last. In that time they took occasion to pass over every known remarkable spot in our state; particularly making it a point to visit every county and its chief town, and by especial inquiries among the inhabitants, to assure themselves that no place was overlooked, which, in such preliminary examinations, could or ought to have been attended to. These they were anxious should be known, in order that an opportunity might be afforded to persons interested—they hope under that title to include every citizen of Maryland—of ascertaining how far the parts passed over were capable of furnishing a correct general idea of the whole.

This general idea, the results of their examination—they beg leave now to present; premising that by a Geological