

pression that it can at no time operate disadvantageously to the national work.

Having thus, as briefly as possible, submitted our plan for co-operation, it only remains that we express the hope that it is such an one as to meet your approval. We may be permitted too, as the interest of our work will be materially advanced by a speedy decision, to request, that after having devoted due time to the consideration of the subject, you would avail yourself of an early opportunity to communicate to us your determination; and to offer the assurance of the entire respect, with which

We have the honor to remain,

Your most obedient servants,

(Signed) J. H. ALEXANDER,
J. T. DUCATEL.

(LETTER B.)

Navy Department, March 29, 1834.

Gentlemen:—Your communication of the 27th inst. has been received. In respect to the co-operation proposed between you and Mr. Hassler, in the survey of the State of Maryland, and that of the Coast of the United States, the President and this department feel a strong disposition to oblige you so far as may be authorised by law, and as may be practicable, without detriment to the public.

Mr. Hassler, therefore, is authorised to give and receive such reciprocal aid as will advance the survey of the Coast, with equal rapidity and accuracy, and without any increase of expense to the United States, and to allow any instruments in his charge to be used on these surveys under similar limitations, and such stipulations as may fully secure the property and interest of the general government.

I am very respectfully, &c.

(Signed) LEVI WOODBURY.

Messrs. J. H. ALEXANDER, } *Washington.*
J. T. DUCATEL, }