

current in water, it can well be understood why this region should be generally free from low grounds, swamps and marshes, and how easily these may be drained when they have accidentally been made by the washings of the roads in filling up the beds of streams which they cross. To this cause is to be attributed many of the small marshes which exist in this section and from the above it is conclusive how easily and perfectly they may be effectually drained and converted into the most valuable land.

What is true of this peninsula hold equally true of that lying between the Patuxent on the West and the different arms of the bay and the bay itself on the East.

In proof of all this I submit the following levels and distances from tide water at Washington to tide water on the Severn river above Annapolis. A careful scrutiny of the levels and distances is particularly requested:

The following are the field notes, showing the elevations above tide, also the distances between the same, upon the several lines designated as "Lower Line A," "Upper Line B," and "Round Bay Line C."