

between the two States was complied with by his principal assistant, J. de la Camp, who, during that season, surveyed an area of about 80 square miles, about equally divided between the two States, along both sides of the line up to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

In the course of that summer, however, the Commissioner of Virginia obtained permission to go to England the following winter, '50 and '60, in order to hunt for some stronger evidence as to the description of this line.

In the meanwhile, the amount appropriated by Maryland, and an equal amount paid by Virginia, for the undertaking, proving inadequate for the completion of it, were exhausted in the course of the winter in the construction of the maps, and the Legislature of Virginia, in its session of 1860, resolved not to expend any more money on this line before having received the report of Mr. McDonald, who did not return until after the close of the session.

The Legislature of Maryland, in its session of 1860, appropriated an additional amount of \$10,000 for the completion of the tracing of the line and the survey of reference in a limited extent, at least, on the Maryland side.

In that winter, Lieut. Michler was ordered away by the U. S. Government to take charge of the lighthouses on the Pacific coast, and the Commissioner of Maryland entrusted J. de la Camp with the completion of the surveys, which the latter did, during that season, assisted by L. Daser.

The map of the survey, drawn by J. de la Camp, containing 8 large Antiquarian sheets, on the scale of 1-12000, however, could not be finished, as the amount appropriated was only sufficient to put the sheets into the condition which I had the honor to present to the Honorable Delegation of Allegany and Washington counties, this morning. They were submitted to the State authorities of Maryland in the fall of 1862. It is very likely that Maryland would have passed another appropriation for the completion of the maps, had not the war, in the meanwhile, turned the energies of the people of Maryland in other directions.

I have to add that the maps, in their present state, are not fit to serve as reference for the boundary line, so that the considerable amount expended by Maryland for the determination of this line has been disbursed uselessly, unless the small amount estimated is added to finish them.

About the more or less importance of Mr. McDonald's mission to England, it would not be proper for me to express any opinion.

I am, most respectfully,

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