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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

MARCH 23d, 1865.

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# REPORT REPORT

To the House of Delegates of Maryland:

The Select Committee appointed by the Speaker of this House, under the order adopted by the House on the 13th of January, respectively

## SELECT COMMITTEE

That the order adopted by the House was as follows:

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed by the Speaker, whose duty it shall be to prepare or have prepared a succinct statement of the soil in different sections of this State, and of its peculiar adaptation to the various productions of agriculture, the proximity to market, the course and capacity of our navigable streams, the water power and facilities and mineral resources of the State, and the extent of these duties they have power to avail themselves of any assistance they may require; that said committee report to this House, at an early day, the result of their labor, said report to be printed in English and German, for extensive circulation throughout the North and Western States.

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after its adoption, placed themselves in communication with gentlemen of intelligence, and upon whose statements full reliance could be placed, in various parts of the State. It was their wish and earnest effort to make the statement which they might issue patriotically accurate, to raise no expectations which the result would not fully justify.

They have of course experienced many difficulties and embarrassments, and upon some points would desire opportunity for still further inquiry, and investigation if the duration of the session should admit, and in some cases if the session should remain, they have preferred to pass over the subject rather than to be inaccurate in their statements.