

last, that the amount paid out of the treasury to the 18th, March last, (and there have been no payments since) was \$13,100, 24 for the geographical survey, and to the 12th March last for the geological survey \$10,409. 42, a part of which sum was paid for contingent expenses, to wit, for the geographical survey \$5083. 58, and for the geological survey \$892. 76, total amount of all expenses for map and survey 23,509. 66,

Your committee with a view to obtain correct information as to the period of completion of the map and survey, addressed the Topographical engineer and the State geologist, from each of whom they received communications entirely satisfactory. The engineer remarks: "The subject mentioned in your letter was already referred to by me in the printed report of the new map of Md. 1836, to which report pp. 103 and 104 I beg leave to refer you, it was also mentioned in a letter which I had the honor to address to the Governor under date of the 8th March 1837, which has been printed among the documents accompanying the Governor's message to the present General Assembly, in which letter for various reasons given, and for others which I did not give, I suggested that the survey should be suspended until the United States should have commenced the survey, which ought to precede ours, and until a more efficient plan of operations could be, with hopes of success presented to the Legislature; the suggestion was acted upon by the executive, and since the 1st April I have had no further connexion with the survey than to communicate occasionally with Mr. Hassler as to the probable period of his commencement in Maryland; in connexion I would also refer you to a communication made by me to the Speaker of the house of delegates on the 15th February inst. which I presume is or will be printed; to your question as to *when* the survey will be finished, I could give a better answer (in addition to what I before have said) if the survey was now going on; I have no certainty that it will be recommenced this year, and beyond the expression of my belief that when recommenced it should occupy from 3 to 5 years, according to circumstances, the number of parties employed, the weather, &c. &c. I really cannot form any opinion as to the duration of a work which I do not see progressing and which indeed is not even *in esse*."

The geologist has made a very interesting communication in relation to his department, which is herewith presented, and made a part of this report, as follows:

Annapolis, March 1, 1838.

Hon. JOSEPH S. COTTMAN,

Sir: Your communication of the 23d ulto, as chairman of a committee of the Senate, "to report when the map and geological survey of the State will be completed," asking for "the information desired, so far as relates to the geological survey," was handed to me this day only, and I hasten to reply to it.