

By the Resolution of the last General Assembly, in relation to the Sounds which run parallel with the Sea Coast between Cape Charles and Lewis Town Creek, with a view to their connection by such Canals as may be found necessary to effect a safe and direct Navigation through the said Sounds, it seems to have been considered very desirable to obtain the aid of an experienced Engineer from the United States corps, to aid in making the contemplated Survey. An application had been made to the President of the United States in January, 1831, for the services of such an Engineer, and although, at first refused, a communication was subsequently received from the Secretary of War, tendering the services of an Engineer, provided all other expenses than his regular salary should be paid by the State. No provision having, at that time, been made, by the Legislature, for the payment of such expenses, by the State, the services of the Engineer could not be accepted by the then Executive, upon the terms offered. The correspondence between this Department and the President of the United States and Secretary of War, having been submitted to the General Assembly, provision was made at the last session, for the payment of all such expenses as might be incurred in making the survey. And, in May last, application was again made to the President of the United States for an Engineer. The paper herewith marked A, is a copy of that application: to which no reply has been received. In October last we appointed an Engineer on the part of this State, to make the said survey, in conjunction with the commissioner who had previously been appointed, and with such commissioners or Engineers as had been, or might be, appointed by the States of Virginia and Delaware. It was hoped that some progress in the survey might be made before the meeting of the General Assembly; but we understand that it has not yet been found practicable to commence the work. We presume that it will receive the attention of the Engineers and Commissioners of the three States early in the ensuing Spring, and be completed within the current year.

We took great pleasure in communicating to the family of the late Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the Resolutions of the General Assembly, commemorating his eminent worth, distinguished services and ardent patriotism. And we engaged Mr. Thomas Sully, a distinguished artist, to paint a full length likeness of the deceased. Mr. Sully came on to this city, in the past Summer, to view the Chamber and ascertain the position the painting is to oc-