

to a certain extent, the sort of knowledge desirable to be embodied in a map for popular use. Whether *all* that is desirable has been indicated or not, is not now a matter of much moment, since it may be expected that the progress of the survey, which will bring to light a great variety of information, will also suggest the most appropriate mode of exhibiting it.

The topographical examination for which opportunities have been afforded, was necessarily as yet very general; but enough has been done to exhibit and establish the principles of future operations, and to reduce to a small compass the time which must be devoted to the continuance of the reconnaissance, and which must elapse before the detailed surveys specified in the resolution can be entered upon.

Arrangements are already in progress for facilitating the immediate execution of these surveys, which are proposed to be connected and executed in strict accordance with the Geodesical operations of the Coast survey. In endeavoring to make this connection, the undersigned have consulted their own feelings of propriety—and while the interest of both works would seem to be subserved by it, that of Maryland in particular will have been attended to, in assuring greater accuracy in the results and materially diminishing the attendant expenses.

The undersigned defer any specification of the mode in which the detailed surveys will be conducted—of the means to be employed and the minute circumstances attending them, until all the contemplated arrangements shall have been completed, at which time they will beg leave to present another detailed report.

But they cannot permit themselves to terminate this without the expression of their especial thanks to the gentlemen of the United States' Topographical Corps, and the Engineers of the several works of Internal Improvement, whose liberality has been experienced in facilitating the collection of desirable information. To their fellow citizens throughout the state, they will always feel grateful for the kindness and hospitality with which they have every where been received.

They await, now, only the approval of your Excellency for what has been already commenced, to set themselves assiduously to its completion: and in the mean time beg leave to offer the assurance of the entire respect, with which

They have the honor to remain,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

J. T. DUCATEL,  
J. H. ALEXANDER.

Annapolis, Dec. 27th, 1833.