

tion of the said Board. The public exigencies and a private misfortune occurring just about that period, prevented, however, the co-operation of the Representative of one of the other States, until the severity of the season presented a bar quite as insuperable. A meeting was, however had; and a system of operations determined in April last. It seeming to be admitted on all sides, so far as private sentiment, without any public expression, could be taken, that this examination was a work of paramount importance, the Undersigned consented with this view and without difficulty to the postponement, of which the last paragraph has been a history. An additional topic with him, too, at the time, of consideration and importance, was, that advantage might be taken of the constitution of the united Board of Commissioners to execute, under favorable circumstances, operations, whose details, while they were in the highest degree effective of the objects of the Board, might be applicable also, to the purposes of the New map. Accordingly, with the assent of the Commissioners and the assistance of his accomplished colleague from Virginia; the surveys for the Board have been conducted upon a plan similar to that used in the United States Coast survey; and in their course, the whole of the eastern verge of the Maryland peninsula, comprising in length the whole Atlantic slope of Worcester county has been triangulated; and the horizontal relations and positions of several hundred points, accurately and satisfactorily ascertained. The conclusion of this work, which circumstances have necessarily delayed until the next year, and which indeed, in all its details, could not have been finished by one party in one season, will present a connection of the Atlantic border of Maryland with that of Virginia and Delaware; and what is of more importance, a chart of bearings and soundings in those inland seas, through which, dangerous and impeded as they have always been to the inexperienced navigator, is the only avenue for the reciprocating productions and commerce of a fertile and flourishing portion of our State.

In July last, domestic calamity deprived the Undersigned of the co-operation of the Engineer appointed by Virginia, and the remainder of what was done was prosecuted alone. The opinion which the Undersigned in common with many of his fellow-citizens entertained of the importance of the work—an opinion which appears to find a sanction in the terms of the Legislative proviso—did not justify the suspending of operations