

tendering the services of our Engineers, provided all other expenses 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 petition of the Engineers could not be accepted by the then Executive, upon the terms upon which the same were between this Department and the President, the United States and the 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 Commissioners who had previously been appointed and with such Commissioners or Engineers as had been, or might be, appointed by the State 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 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 occupy, and we presume has since been engaged upon the work, but has not yet completed it. This testimony of the impressive merits and exalted worth of the venerable deceased, who had the distinction to survive all that inestimable band of patriots with whom he was associated in proclaiming our Independence, will be most appropriately placed in the same chamber where, half a century past, occurred the sublime spectacle of the Surrender of Military Authority, by the Father of his Country — with whose honors the deeds of Carroll are entwined. — A recital of that interesting spectacle in connection with the painting will indicate to posterity two noble models of public spirit and pure patriotism, and keep alive to future ages of the Republic the cherished recollection of, and highest Veneration for, the useful lives and glorious services of Washington and Carroll.

We have employed Mr Thomas Sully, (the artist) to paint several other swords had been heretofore procured, and we understand had given satisfaction, to make the swords erected by the General Assembly to be procured and presented to Commodore Barron, Paymaster General of the United States Navy, and to the Commandant of the United States Navy. These swords are intended as a mark of admiration and gratitude.