

A catalogue, which they have been careful to arrange and prepare, and which will be found to accompany this report, exhibits the sources from which this information was drawn. Where materials were so scarce, it is hardly to be expected that there should be much clashing or contradiction, yet the full allowance of difference and incertitude which must always attend independent observations, made arbitrarily and without reference to an unit of any sort, was found to attach to this work also: In having reconciled as far as they were able these discrepancies, and in stating the elements of examination and proof, they conceive there is no room for them to pass an opinion as to the authority of any: it is left for every reader to make up his own judgment. Only they must be permitted to add, that their labor would have been longer and more wearisome without the assistance furnished by the work and public spirit of a citizen, whose name appears in the catalogue as having furnished them with a map of the entire territory of Maryland.

The basis of the map itself has been founded on observations of the latitude and longitude of Baltimore and Washington; made in each case under circumstances which are pledges of accuracy. The portion of territory, eastward of the meridian, passing between these places, has been laid down from Mr. Lucas' chart; a work published not very long since, upon data and calculations, which are near approximations of those used in the present instance. Westward of this meridian, the course of the Potomac was found in Map No. 63 of the table; an actual survey of the Board of Internal Improvement.