

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 verity of information, will also suggest the most appropriate mode of exhibiting it.

The topographical examination for which opportunities have been offered, 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 reconnoissance, 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