

whereas, for the joint purposes of economy in the employment of so large a sum, and the paramount necessity of ensuring, that a work so important in its character, shall be accurately and faithfully done, without which, the whole expenditure would be lost, and the objects of the General Assembly defeated, Therefore,

2. And be it enacted, That it shall hereafter be the duty of the Topographical Engineer of the state, to proceed with all due despatch to unite his efforts with those of the United States Topographical Engineer, now employed in making a Chart of the Coast, to effect a complete survey of the Coast on the Eastern section of the state, which, when completed will, as well as for its specific purposes, form an established base line for the triangulated admeasurement of the whole state, with a view to a complete and accurate map thereof; and in the event of inability from any cause, to form such union of effort and co-operation with the said United States Engineer, for the above purpose, at an early period, or on ascertaining from a correspondence with said United States Officer, that such union cannot be formed during the present season, that then and in that case, the State's Topographical Engineer, shall go on with all possible despatch to ascertain the exact point next the Ocean, where the divisional line between this state and the state of Virginia begins, and also, that point whereon the line dividing the state of Delaware from this state begins; and having ascertained and located the lines between the said state's, so far as the same may be necessary for his purpose, he shall proceed with all the despatch, compatible with accuracy; and make a map and chart of that part of the Sound and waters of the Sound which lies within the limits of this state; and which survey, when so made, shall be the base line from which the triangulated admeasurement of the rest of the Eastern Shore shall proceed; and all subsequent surveys shall be made so to rest on this basis, either for the future survey of any of the water courses on the Eastern Shore, with a view to improve their navigation, or with a view to the general purposes of the accurate projection of the map.

3. And be it enacted, That any and all surveys for the improvement of the navigation of any river or rivers, on the Eastern Shore, now authorised to be made, shall be postponed until such a base line as is described in the preceding section, shall have been defined and established.