

REPORT OF PROGRESS
OF THE
SURVEYS OF THE SOUNDS

LYING ON THE

*Eastern Shore of Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware:
Addressed to the honourable the Senate and House of
Delegates of Maryland.*

The Commissioners appointed in virtue of sundry acts of the respective States, for the prosecution of the above work, having arrived at a convenient period of their labours, beg leave respectfully to report:

That since the 25th of April last, they have applied themselves to the execution of the duties confided to them, the result of which, as far as obtained by the operations of the present season, they have the honor to lay before your honourable body.

After a reconnoissance of the country, marked out as the scene of their observations, two objects appeared to present themselves, as principally occupying the attention of the Commissioners:

I. The ascertainment of the distance, as precisely as might be consistent with a due economy of time and money, between the two points designated as the limits of the projected improvement, with the relative position of various places included, and a survey, with soundings, of all the various connected channel-ways, with a view to the determination of the most direct and favorable communication between them; and

II. The location of such particular points as would be, upon a comparison of shortness of route with practicability and expence of construction, the most proper for the commencement and end of the cuts necessary to an union of the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake.

III. And in order to render these topics of examina-