

with the survey of the coast from Cape Charles to Cape Henlopen, and to be prosecuted after a similar manner, so as to render it applicable to the purposes and reduction of the New Map; but at the period when the operations of the coast survey were in the neighborhood of the Pocomoke, late rains and freshets, according to information received, had rendered it either impassable, or at least made for the survey great cause of delay. Other circumstances, some of which have been already detailed, contributed to demonstrate the inexpediency of attempting it at that time. It stands second in the order of date of local surveys to be undertaken in the approaching season.

At this place the Undersigned may be permitted to remark on the subject of local surveys generally, that the plan of the New Map provides fully, not only for those which have been especially ordered, but for all which ever will probably be desirable. The express object of the map is, as was already stated in a former report, to preclude the necessity of special surveys, whose beginning and ending, having no point or limit of reference, soon with all their details, at one period apparently so important, are lost or forgotten; and to furnish, at an expence, far short of what has been already incurred by private companies, in the prosecution of a few routes of intercommunication, for obtaining information, which so far has only been useful (as it was only necessary) to a few citizens, and is to all intents and purposes dead to the public—extensive, connected, and permanent data as to all facts connected with possible schemes of Internal Improvement. Hence should the operations for the New Map be continued regularly and progressively, according to the plan proposed, uninterrupted except by the call of some particular district, whose necessities are urgent and improvements likely to be immediate, a few years will see its completion, and the publication of all the information as to bearings and distance, and level, that can be asked for, or that is usually obtained upon each emergent occasion by special surveys, without all the additional expenditure for fresh preparations and a partially new apparatus for every such occasion.

To return. The execution of the improvement contemplated by the survey of the Pocomoke, would be of immense importance to the proprietors near the stream,