

—especially when taken in connexion with the Cape Charles and Lewis canal. The mouth of the Pocomoke is known by all who have visited that section of country to be almost dammed up by a mud flat, formed by the continual wash and deposite from the banks and bed of the stream. Egress by this way is very tedious and difficult, and of course expensive; vessels of even light draught are with the whole depth of their keel cutting through the mud, which fortunately is not of a consistency to resist the momentum of a vessel under press of sail; and in the delay of waiting for a fair wind, and in the difficulties even then, are to be found almost ground for the assertion that the riparian proprietors of that river, so far as commerce is concerned, are land locked. The Undersigned is not aware that any examination specially with a view to the feasibility of its opening, has been made on this part of the river; and as it formed no part of his instructions to investigate the subject, it has been only casually mentioned as connected with the matter, and with the means of gratifying the views and wishes of some who believe that the general interest of the State would be more advanced, and unity of feeling more cemented by the productions of the valley of the Pocomoke finding their natural market in Baltimore. The other navigable connexion, however, of the River with Pepper's Creek, and thence with Indian River, which throws that portion of the peninsula, as position has already done the districts which lie more to the eastward, into the arms of Philadelphia, is, without doubt, from all that can be gathered, feasible within certain limits; and even should those limits be extended, would still present overbalancing advantages. It is believed that an examination was once had of the upper or spring portion of the river, and a line of levels run; but the Undersigned has been able to procure no satisfactory information as to the means made use of or the results obtained. A stock Company too has some time since been formed in Delaware, for the purpose of taking up the communication where the present examination will stop, and continuing along the route already indicated—by Pepper's Creek into Indian River, whence, at present, the articles would be conveyed by sea to Philadelphia or New-York. When the peculiar circumstances however of the navigability—it can hardly be called navigation—of that river come to be understood,