

APPENDIX.

(LETTER A)

Hon. Levi Woodbury, Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 27, 1834.

SIR:—We have pleasure in communicating to you, the passage of an act by the Legislature of Maryland, at its late session, authorising a complete Topographical and Geological Survey of that State, with a view to the construction and publication of an accurate Map of its Territory. The progress of the Coast Survey of the United States, now proceeding under the charge of your Department, appeared at the time of the passage of that act to present favorable circumstances for the commencement and success of the projected work: and the Executive of the State have accordingly honored us with a commission, enabling us to make such arrangements as we may think to conduce most to the proper execution of the work, and the interests of the State itself.

Before making any application to your Department to enable us to avail ourselves of the advantages offered to our undertaking in the survey of the Coast already commenced by the General Government, we, of course consulted with Mr. Hassler, under whose auspices that survey is proceeding, to know how far a co-operation in the arrangement of the two works would be agreeable to him, and to what extent also, it might be prosecuted to our mutual advantage. In laying before the Department now, a plan for such co-operation, we have the gratification of offering what has already met Mr. Hassler's approval, and might be expressed almost in his own words.

Our proposition then, is simply this:

As these works if separate would be conducted upon precisely the same principles, and executed so far as their differing situations would allow, in exactly the same manner; and as in fact they will cover to a large extent, identical portions of Territory, viz: the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and a part of the Chesapeake Bay — we have to request that Mr. Hassler be allowed to