

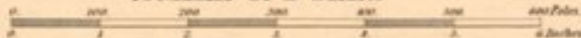
PLAN
of the City of Washington
in the Territory of Columbia.
created by the States of
VIRGINIA and MARYLAND
to the United States of America
and by them established as the
SEAT of their GOVERNMENT.
after the Year
MDCCC.

GEORGE TOWN.

Observations
explanatory of the Plan.

- I. **THE** positions for the different Editions and for the several Squares or Areas of different shapes, as they are laid down, were first determined on the most advantageous ground, and according to the most extensive prospects, and the best advantage of each improvement, so that no improvement may hereafter call for.
- II. **LINES** or Avenues of direct communication have been devised, to connect the separate and most distant points with the principal, and to preserve through the whole a reciprocity of sight at the same time. Attention has been paid to the pointing of these leading Avenues over the most desirable ground for prospect and convenience.
- III. **NORTH** and South lines, intersected by others running due East and West, make the distribution of the City into Streets Squares &c. and these lines have been so combined as to meet at certain given points with their divergent Avenues, so as to form on the square first determined, the different Squares or Areas.

SCALE OF POLES



Lat. Capitol, 38.55 . N.
Long. $0. 0$.



Perpendicular height of the mass of this Creek above the level of the tide at low tide. $F. 1. 2^{\circ}$
 $256. 7. 5$

Perpendicular height of the Water branch above its rise in this Creek. $F. 1. 2^{\circ}$
 $111. 7. 5$

The water of this Creek runs to the westward on the high stream above the Capital, and after meeting the power of the City runs to the eastward in the present position.

The perpendicular height of the ground where the Capital is seated is above the level of this Creek, 28 feet.

POTOMAC RIVER.

EASTERN BRANCH.

Breadth of the Streets.

THE grand Avenues, and such Streets as lead immediately to public places, are from 150 to 200 feet wide, and may be conveniently divided into four ways, walks of trees, and a carriage way. The other Streets are from 50 to 100 feet wide.

IN order to execute this plan, **MR. ELLICOTT** drew a true Meridional line by celestial Observation, which passes through the Area intended for the Capitol; this line is crossed by another due East and West, which passes through the same Area. These lines were accurately measured, and made the bases on which the whole plan was executed. He ran all the lines by a Transit Instrument, and determined the true Angles by actual Measurement, and left nothing to the uncertainty of the Compass.