

Report of the Committee to View
the Potomac, May 27, 1784
July 6, 1790

consisting of
The Committee [^]Mr. Gerry Mr. Williamson Mr. Chase Mr. Lee &
Mr. Monroe, appointed to repair to the lower Falls of potowmac, to
view the Situation of the Country in the Vicinity of the same & report
a proper district for carrying into Effect a Resolution of the 21st
of Octr. last, respecting a foederal Town, submit the following
report.

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That on the 20th Instant, ~~your~~ [^]Committee proceeded on the Business
mentioned, having been prevented during the Winter, by the Inclemency
thereof, & afterwards by the Sense of Congress.

On the 21st the Committee arrived at George Town, & veiwed the Banks
of the River, from that place to the lower Falls, on the Maryland Side—and
~~crossing~~ on the 22d. crossing to the Virginia Side, they veiwed the Banks as
far up the River as McClouds Ferry, 4 or 5 Miles above the lower Falls,
recrossed the River, & returned to Georgetown on the Maryland Side.

The Trees being leaved, prevented the Committee from a good View of the
Banks on either Side; but from the best observation they could make, there
did not appear to be a district suitable for a foederal Town, between George
Town & the Ferry, on either Side of the Potowmac, the Banks & neighbour-
ing Territory being much broken & unsuitable for the purpose.

The Committee being thus disappointed in their Expectations, upon En-
quiry, were informed that above the upper Falls, the banks were level &
afforded pleasant prospects; but they ~~Committee~~ were not authorized to veiw
them.

At George Town, however, a little to the Northward of the Buildings is a
rising Ground, somewhat broken, but pleasantly situated, & commanding
good water as well as other prospects—at Funks Town about a Mile & an half

on
~~below~~ [^]the River, below Geo. Town, there is also a District which com-
mands fine prospects—some part of it is low, but the Residue is high &
pleasant. The Committee have ordered a plan of each of those ^{Districts} ~~places~~ [^]to be

& transmitted to Congress
taken, & agreeable to their Engagement with the Surveyor beg leave to submit
the following Resolved. That the Committee of the States be authorized &
directed to pay to the Surveyor at George Town, his reasonable Demands for

for a foederal Town
attending the Committee who surveyed the Potomac, [^]& for taking the plans
^{said}
ordered by the [^]Committee.