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 federal Town, submit the following report.

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, & viewed 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 viewed the Banks as far up the River as McCroes 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 federal Town, between George Town & the Ferry, on either Side of the Potowmac, the Banks & neighbouring Territory being much broken & unsuitable for the purpose.

The Committee being thus disappointed in their Expectations, upon Enquiry, were informed that above the upper Falls, the banks were level & afforded pleasant prospects; but they were not authorized to view 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 below the River, below Geo. Town, there is also a District which commands fine prospects—some part of it is low, but the Residue is high & pleasant. The Committee have ordered a plan of each of these places to be 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 attending the Committee who surveyed the Potomac, & for taking the plans said ordered by the Committee.