

PLAN
of the City of Washington
in the Territory of Columbia.
ceded 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.

Lat. Capitol, 38.53 N.
Long. $0. 0.$

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 such improvements, as either were deemed most beneficial all the.
- II. **LINES** or Arteries of direct communication have been devised, to connect the squares 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 passing of these leading Arteries over the most valuable ground for frequent and convenient.
- III. **NORTH** and South lines, intersected by Lines running East and West, make the distribution of the City into three Squares &c. and these lines have been so combined as to meet at our two great points with these diverging Arteries, so as to form on the square, these Arteries, the different Squares or Areas.

SCALE OF POLES



Proportional height of the tower of this clock above the level of the tide in said Creek } $F. 1. 2^{\circ}$
 $256. 7. 5$

Proportional height of the Water Branch above its level in this Creek } $F. 1. 1^{\circ}$
 $111. 7. 5$

The water of this Creek rises to a certain level, and after passing the water-works, it is conveyed to the water-works, where the Captains are seated, in the City of this Creek, 11 feet.

Breadth of the Streets.
THE ground Arteries, and such lines as lead immediately to public places, are from 150 to 200 feet wide, and may be conveniently divided into two ways, walks of 100, and a carriage way. The other Arteries are from 70 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 he crossed by another line East and West, which passes through the same Area. These lines were accurately measured, and made the basis on which the whole plan was executed. He ran all the lines by a Transit Instrument, and determined the Arteries higher by actual Measurement, and laid marking to the accuracy of the Compass.