

I beg you will do me the favor to say to his Excellency, that my report on the duties and services of the past year, has been made out and printed, according to the usage of former years, and is now only waiting for the maps and sections necessary for its illustration, that are still in the hands of the Lithographer. They are promised to be furnished in a few days, when the report will be sent down to Annapolis, and submitted to the Executive. It will then be in such a form as to be presented to the honorable Delegates in the most convenient way to acquire a knowledge of its contents.

As to the length of time it will require to perform the duties contemplated by the creation of the office of Geologist, I may add, that supposing examinations to be made with the same minuteness as heretofore, with reference always to the most extensive application of the resources that are brought to light, and in the hope of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the geology and mineralogy of the State, to be accurately transferred upon the Topographical Map, it will occupy me, confined as I am to my own individual exertions, and barring all accidents, three years more. At the expiration of that time, I shall be enabled to supply the Topographical Engineer with all the information contemplated to be obtained by the act of 1834.

I have in the body of my present report inserted some suggestions as to the propriety of modifying my instructions, which together with the rest of the matter, is respectfully submitted to His Excellency and the Honorable Council.

In asking you to communicate the foregoing to the Executive, permit me to subscribe myself, with great esteem and respect, your obedient servant,

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Geologist.

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Annapolis.

Baltimore, 2d February, 1837.

Dear Sir— I received to-day your favor of the 1st instant, enclosing a copy of the order of the House of Delegates.

I have been diligently occupied in preparing my report, (the annual one,) ever since my return home on the 3d of January, and it is already far in progress. The report of the Geologist is prepared, but the lithographer has not been able to finish the illustrative maps.