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Mr. WHARTON.

REPORT

OF

THE SELECT COMMITTEE,

APPOINTED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO REPORT A BILL

TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF

STATE GEOLOGIST.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

February 28, 1839.

Read and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

GEO. G. BREWER, Clk.

The Undersigned being a majority of the Committee to whom was referred the leave "to report a bill abolishing the office of State Geologist," having had the subject under consideration, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the services already rendered to the people of Maryland by the present incumbent of that office, with whom the scheme originated, in developing resources hitherto unknown, teaching their application, exploding old prejudices, and establishing new views, calculated to benefit the agricultural and other interests of the State, would, in themselves, have caused your committee favorably to consider labors that have been so far pursued with such signal success. Your committee are aware, however, that in the nature of things, these services must have a termination, and they have therefore turned their attention to the only three reasons, in their opinion, which could induce