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PLATE N. 2340


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
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Engraved by Thackerson & Vallance Philad: 1792.



GEORGE TOWN

PART OF VIRGINIA WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA.
 POTOMAC RIVER
 EASTERN BRANCH
 PART OF MARYLAND WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA.

OBSERVATIONS
 explanatory of the
Plan.

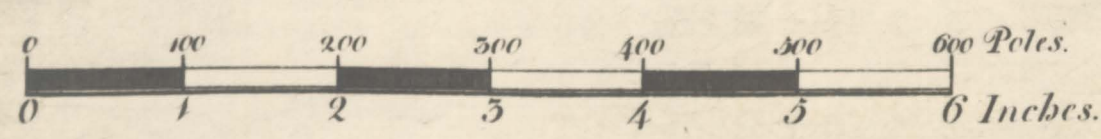
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- II. **LINES** or Avenues of direct communication have been devised, to connect the separate and most distant objects with the principal, and to preserve through the whole a reciprocity of sight at the same time. Attention has been paid to the passing of these leading Avenues over the most favorable ground for prospect and convenience.
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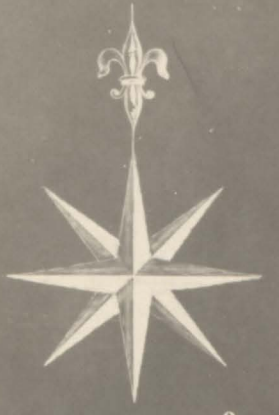
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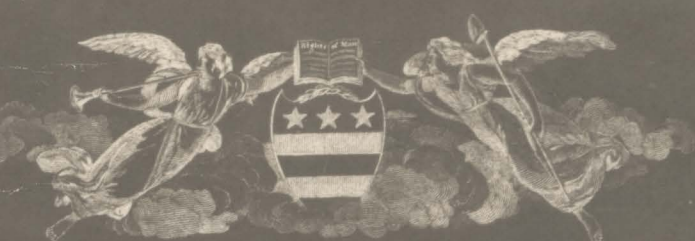
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SCALE OF POLES.





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Perpendicular height of the source of Tiber Creek } F. I. 1st
above the level of the tide in said Creek. } 256, 7, 7.

This branch and that of the Tiber
may be conveyed to the President's house.

The water of this Creek may be conveyed
on the high ground where the Capitol stands
& after watering that part of the City, may
be destined to other useful purposes.

The Perpendicular height of the
ground where the Capitol is to
stand is above the tide of Tiber Creek
78 Feet.

Perpendicular height of the West
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} 113, 7, 8

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