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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY	
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT	
Type of Survey	<i>Topographic</i>
Field No.	Office No. <i>2294</i>
LOCALITY	
State	<i>Maryland</i>
General locality	<i>Kent Island</i>
Locality	<i>Chesapeake Bay</i>
<i>1849</i>	
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Henry S. Pittcutt Superintendent.

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Sheet No. 1 - Kent Island, Md.
- General Characteristics -

The characteristics of the country covered by this sheet shows the simplest relief. But a small portion rising to 20 feet above tide and that on the North end. Its geological features are drift superimposed upon an ancient marsh as at low water inundated clay, marsh, sod and occasionally a very thin strata of iron may be seen. The island is fast disappearing by erosion. Very few springs exist upon the island, and streams, are but the drainage of land after rain. Marshes when partly land-locked may be reclaimed without much difficulty. The land washes away at the rate of 8 or 10 feet a year. There is no evidence of subsidence or submergence of shores. There are of forest growth

Oak, Pine, Gum, Poplar, etc. - average height about 75 feet. Fruit trees, - Apples, Peaches, Pears - are growing. Proportion of arable to forest lands 6 to 1. There are no industries other than tilling the soil, oystering and fishing.

Only means of communication, steamers to Baltimore. There are no health or pleasure resorts. The sheet is a re-survey.

The increase of population is five times what it was fifty years ago. Roads generally the same as previous survey, and they are generally good - natural soil or shell. There are two bridges of indifferent construction. Fences of wire or wood.

Range of tide about 1 foot vertical & horizontal but slight.

Number of square miles 42

Cost per " " \$125 approx.