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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey

Topographic

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LOCALITY

State

Maryland

General locality

Gasapas River

Locality

*Eastern Shore of
Chesapeake Bay*

1899-1900

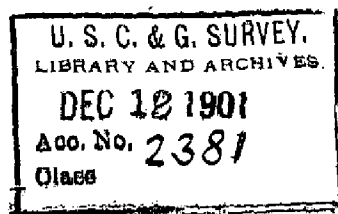
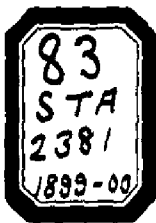
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State: *Maryland*

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LOCALITY:

*Sassafras River
Eastern shore of the
Chesapeake Bay*

1899 + 1900
1899

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Topographic Sheet No. 2381

This sheet covers the topography of the Sasapoo River, Md. from its mouth to above the head of navigation and it extends inland on both sides of the river from one to two miles.

The shore line is mostly an eroded bluff of red clay formation with many small stretches of sand beach. The bluffs are from 10 to 60 ft. high and they are frequently broken by creeks, marshes & ravines. The shores of which, are very steep and are covered with a dense growth of trees & bushes. The adjoining country is devoted to Agriculture and is highly cultivated. All of the small fruits are raised in great quantities. The roads are fairly good and run in many directions. Betterton, situated above Howells Point is a great summer resort and is reached by two lines of Steamers from Baltimore during the summer months. Two or three large Hotels have been erected here during the summer of 1901. Frederick and Georgetown and both small places at the head of navigation and they are connected by a drawbridge. Only very small vessels of light draught can go beyond the bridge.

There are two good docks at Betterton - The
Steamer "Sasofas", makes daily trips from
Georgetown to Baltimore during the season.