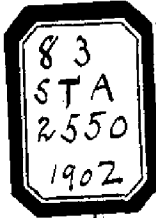


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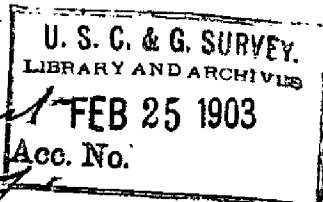
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Arnold Plantation Va.
February 18th 1903.

The Country covered by this Survey
is comprised of Low Salt-Marsh,
Known as the "Jericho Marshes",

Scattered over this extensive stretch
of Marsh, are isolated ridges, ris-
ing to an elevation of 10 and 13
feet above mean high water, on
which are located two quite large
Villages, "Upper and Lower Fairmount"
and numerous Farm Houses, and
the Negro Village of "Mill Town".

The Soil on these ridges is very
rich and productive and is well
wooded with Pine-Live Oak- and
Red Gum Timber, The Soil when it
is cultivated produces large crops of
Irish Potatoes, Corn- Wheat- Clover-
Tomatoes- Peaches- Apples- Straw-
berries & Blackberries, Oystering- Had-
docking and Crab fishing is the occu-
pation of the majority of the inhabi-
tants, The Oyster beds and fishing

grounds are rapidly becoming exhausted owing to the injudicious methods carried on by the Oystermen and fishermen, in these waters, I was informed while visiting in this locality, that ten years ago Upper and Lower Fairmount were prosperous and thriving towns, thousands of dollars worth of business was transacted by the merchants during the oyster and fishing seasons. Now these towns are doing very little business, and the Oyster fish trade is almost at a stand still. Upper Fairmount is a pretty village surrounded by beautiful groves of Live Oaks and Pines, with good shell roads running in all directions, From Upper Fairmount to Lower Fairmount it is almost a continuous village with one main street 26 miles in length, Roads leading at the entrance to the Great Annapolis River (on the South Shore) is the principal shipping point for this locality, The Baltimore and Annapolis

boats make daily landings at this point; Notwithstanding that the ridges, (on which the villages and farm houses are located) are surrounded by Salt-Marsh, they are said to be healthy localities, I found this statement to be true, and the inhabitants have a healthy and robust appearance.

The Jewish Marshes are intersected with numerous large and small creeks that empty in to the Marston River and Great-Anne-messy Rivers, and are only navigable for small boats and ships. The Marston River is shallow at its mouth and up to Primers Cove at its source, The Baltimore Steam boats that land in the Great-Anne-messy at Ford's Wharf, draw 7 feet - when loaded.

The changes in the modern topographical details of the country included by the railroad, were marked by substantial improvements. Many new roads have been constructed and numerous farms have been built.