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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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Descriptive Report

to accompany Top Sheet No. 2880 of the
Fox Islands, Chesapeake Bay, Virginia.

These islands are low and marshy and are
much cut up by coves and creeks.
In places along the western edge of the chain
a sandy ridge or beach is found, apparently
the last vestige of the formerly considerable
area of solid land. These are to be seen one
or two small patches of such land still left
on Great Fox Is., but they are inconsiderable.
These islands are all rapidly disappearing
and it will require but a comparatively short
time to complete their effacement.
The western, or Tangerine, shore is rather bold, giv-
ing heavy seas free access to the bank, where
the marsh, underlaid by quicksand, is easily
undermined and broken up into lumps which
quickly disintegrate. In bad storms the
waves crash completely across the islands and
spread the material upon the flats to the east-
ward or carry it off into the deep waters to westward.
The "Fox Poplar," on Great Fox Island, is the only tree
of any size on any of the islands.
There is no agriculture, trade or commerce, and there are no inhabitants. At the time of the survey, the owner of the islands, Mr. E. W. Ellinger, was living in the only house, near the Maryland line, and was endeavoring to begin the culture of oysters.

This survey was made at the request of the Governor of Virginia, to afford a basis for certain grants made by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia to Mr. Ellinger.

W. C. Hodge
Chief of Party