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LOCALITY:
Chesapeake Bay, Eastern shore, Cape Charles & vicinity

1905

CHIEF OF PARTY:
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Chesapeake Bay. From near Butler's Bluff to Cape Charles.

This sheet was surveyed in March 1905. The area shown is flat and well wooded. Approximately 50% of the land is cultivated. The original forest growth has been almost entirely cut away, second growth--pine, hickory, oak and gum--are comprised in the forest growth. The farming is almost entirely trucking--potatoes, cabbage and corn are the principal products.

The recession of the shore line is approximately one metre per year. In the vicinity of Fisherman's Island and the Isles there is a great change in contours and area. The Isles have completely changed their position and contour. There is no vegetation on the Isles, it now being merely a shifting sand bank.

There are sand dunes from 15 to 60 feet in height. They are shifting slowly in a line normal to the general trend of the coast. Butlers Bluff shows a continuous smooth face about twenty feet in height. There are no indications of fresh water in gullies along its face or at its base.
The towns are very small, population less than 100. There is a shooting lodge on Siong Point Island which is open for guests during the winter season.

A sawmill and barrel factory is operated at Capeville - this is the only manufacturing industry noted.

The raising of tobacco has materially increased the prosperity of the community. Prawn fishing and oyster farming are extensive. There is oyster farming.

The sand bars between Fisherman and Smith Islands are prolific in producing clams.

EB Smith, Chief of Police

Cape Charles Va. March 1905