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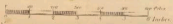



PLAN
 of the **CITY** of
Washington
 in the Territory of **Columbia**,
 ceded by the States of
VIRGINIA and **MARYLAND**
 to the
United States of America,
 and by them established as the
SEAT of their **GOVERNMENT**,
 after the Year 5
MDCCC.

OBSERVATIONS
 explanatory of the
Plan.

- I. **THE** portions for the different Squares, and for the several Squares or tracts of different shapes as they are laid down, were first determined on the most advantageous ground, considering the most extensive prospects, and the better capability of such improvements as either use or convenience may hereafter call for.
- II. **LINES** or avenues of direct communication have been devised to connect the separate and most distant objects, with the principal road to pass through the whole in conformity of right of the main line. Attention has been paid to the joining of these leading avenues with the most favorable ground for prospect and circulation.
- III. **NORTH** and **South** have been followed by others crossing the East and West, with the distribution of the City into North, Square No. 1, and these have been laid in construction as broad as various given points could be designed, because, as far as they run the Squares first determined, the different Squares or tracts.

SCALE of **POLES.**



PART OF VIRGINIA WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA.
 PART OF MARYLAND WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF COLUMBIA.

Breadth of the Streets.

THE great Avenues, and such Streets as lead immediately to public places, are from 200 to 250 feet wide, and usually commonly divided into four ways, walks of trees, and a carriage way. The other Streets are from 50 to 100 feet wide.

IN order to execute this plan, Mr. KILPATRICK drew a few Mathematical lines by celestial observation, which passed through the town intended for the Capital, this line he copied by another line East and West, which passes through the main town. These lines were accurately measured, and with the lines on which the whole plan was executed. He ran all the lines by a Transit Instrument, and determined the Azimuths by actual measurement, and by setting in the accuracy of the Compass.

By George Washington - August 1800