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GEORGETOWN, March 12.

Some time last month arrived in this town Mr. Andrew Ellicot, a gentleman of superior astronomical abilities. He was employed by the President of the United States of America, to lay off a tract of land, ten miles square, on the Potomac for the use of Congress—is now engaged in this business, and hopes soon to accomplish the object of his mission. He is attended by Benjamin Banneker, an Ethiopian, whose abilities, as a surveyor, and an astronomer, clearly prove that Mr. Jefferson's concluding that race of men were void of mental endowments, was without foundation.

Wednesday evening arrived in this town, Major Zwargant, a French gentleman, employed by the President of the United States to survey the lands contiguous to Georgetown, where the federal city is to be built. His skill in matters of this nature is justly extolled by all disposed to give merit its proper tribute of praise. He is earnest in the business, and hopes to be able to lay a plat, of that parcel of land, before the President, upon his arrival in this town.