The old Town of Brunswick is about [illegible] miles [illegible] Wilmington — The river there is said to be deep & the shore bold —

There is little variation in the soil & growth along the whole line — pine principally, with here & there, upon ridges, scrub oak with sand on the surface — near the heads of Little river different sorts of oak & some hickory etc —

The wells vary from 4 to 16 f. thro' clay —

as to the supply of water, or two pond might perhaps prove sufficient for the junction of Cape Fear & Lock=
=wood's folly, independent of the rest of the work, but from that to the Waccamaw it must be attended with very great expense, owing as you will perceive to the ground being, between Shallotte & Waccamaw very nearly as high as the Green Swamp to within even 4 or 5 miles of the sea, so that the supply of water to a central point may be found impracticable & deep cutting in the canal rendered inevitable — Use might be made perhaps, tho' it admits of great doubt of the swamps between Little River & the Wallacamaw — these are nearly as high as the Green Swamp, cover a large extent of ground & contain, at certain seasons, a great deal of water, but are nearly dry in summer, perhaps owing to the great fall on each side —

Our drawings are already commenced & we will endeavor to finish them at an early day — You will oblige me by sending by the first private opportunity your map of part of Brunswick Co. etc of 1834, to enable us to combine the work as you desire —

I hope the enclosed sheet of levels will be sufficiently intelligible —

Very respectfully
Your obt. Thos. J. Lee