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Signification of the Indian Names in the Geography of Maryland.

The following interesting article is taken from an old "Geography of Maryland":

Al-le-gha'-ny—Corrupted from Al-li-ge'-we, *i.e*, the old settlers.

An-ne-mess'-ex—The creek where are logs for building.

An-tie'-tam—The swift current.

A-qua-keek', Ak-ka-keek'—The thicket; place for pic-nics.

A-quas'-co—Grassy.

A-qui'a—Passing between head-lands.

Cat-oc'-tin—The place of many deer.

Chap-o-wam'-sie—The-red-beech.

Chap'-tic-o—Deep water.

Ches'-a-peake—The great salt reservoir or bay.

Chic-a-hom'-i-ny—Turkey-lick, resort for turkeys.

Chic-a-mic-om'-i-co—Where turkeys are plenty.

Chic-o-max'-en—Turkey-stone, where turkeys brood.

Ching-o-teague'—Where pike are caught; or, poor land.

Chop'-tank—Where there is a bend, or turn-off.

Co-an', Co-wan'—The creek of pines.

Con-e-co-cheague'—Very long.

Co-nol'-a-way—Having deep holes.

Co-ra-pe'-chen—A fine running stream

Cur-ri-o'-man—Having much extent.

Gun'-sen—We are called at or spoken to.

Lo-na-co'-ning—The great right-hand opening or stream.

Ma-cho'dic—Big water.

Mag'-o-thy—Little Meadows.

Man-o'kin—The place of scalping; or, the fort.

Mat-tap'-o-ny—Where we had not bread.

Mat-ta-wo'-man—Where we found nothing.

Mo-nie', Mo-ny'—The place of assembling.

Mon-oc'-a-cy—Having many large bends.

Nan-je-may'—The haunt of raccoons.

Nan-ti-coke'—The first or head tribe.

Nas-e-ong'-o, Nas-sa-wing'-o—Where we kill deer; or black water.

Ne-ap'-sco—Near foam or breaker.

Oc-co-quan'—The boiling pot, *i. e.* the cooking-ground.

Pa-mun'-key—The place of sweating-ovens or vapor baths.

Pasp-o-tans'-a, Pas-qua-hans'-a—Where we go for boating.

Pat-ap'-sco — Having white-capped waves.

Pat-ux'-ent—Winding among loose stones.

Pec-at'-on—Open water.

Pic-a-wax'-en—Where our moccasins were torn.

Pis-cat'-a-wa—Having dark-colored or shaded bank.

Po-co-moke'—Having shell-fish.

Port To-bac'-co—Corrupted from Po-ta-phac'o the creek between two hills.

Po-to'-mac—Among black-walnuts; or, the river highway.

Quant-i'-co—The dancing place.

Que-pong'-o—The burnt pines.

Sen'-e-cay—Stony.

Sen-e-pux'ent—Having many oyster-beds.

Sus-que-han'-na—The stream with rapids.

Tuch-a-ho'—Where deer are scarce or shy.

Wic-om'-i-co—Where houses are built.

Wit-ip'kin—The place of buried skulls and bones.

Yoh-o-ga'-ny, or Yongh-io-ghe'-ny (first syllable pronounced yock)—Running the contrary way; all other streams joining the Chesapeake, while this goes into the Ohio.

Three other river names, Linganore', Octora'ra, and Tuscaro'ra, are probably Iroquois terms, and were unintelligible to the Lenni-Lena'pe or Delawares.

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