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Colonel Lark in Annapolis in conversation with one of your Honble Members Mr Dunnavey I said I was informed by some of the Inhabitants of this County near to the Cliffs that the Cliffs were in places full of a saline matter that they both take Salt Peter in a native State & promised to examine there in on my Return,

117 I have been under those Cliffs & find saline matter in some parts in great abundance of a vitriolic Alum in our taste I have made no Experiments there with yet from the Calls of profession hindering me, but on the Cliff at Mr Hollands at three Miles below this Town on the E side of Patuxent River we have discovered a Salt Lick & the Earth very strongly impregnated with common Salt in so much that a Pail of that Earth being put up & Water run through it as they draw off Lye from Ashes or rather earth is so rich as to yield by boiling 1/4th part of its quantity good clear fine Salt as you may see by this small sample I have sent you by Mr Dunegan Pittsburgh

Various are the Opinions how this is produced ~~[illegible]~~ Dr Jal Bate says as its on the East side & exposed to the most violent heat of the Sun in the afternoon he believes it to be

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