

the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road companies. Upon this auspicious termination and amicable adjustment of the controversy so long pending between these public spirited companies, engaged in the prosecution of magnificent schemes of internal improvement, in the success of both of which, the state is deeply, if not equally interested, we beg leave to offer to you, and to the respective companies, our sincere congratulations.

We trust that the good feeling and harmony which has thus been established, between the conductors and friends of these truly great enterprises, will hereafter suffer no interruption—that the only spirit of contest between them, may be a noble and generous rivalry, which shall furnish the best and safest medium of social and commercial intercourse, and by that means, most advance their own, as well as the public interest.

In consequence of the compromise thus happily effected, and the arrangements mutually agreed upon, and in progress of execution, the Rail Road will soon be completed to Harper's Ferry, on the other side of the Potomac, at which point it will unite with the Winchester Rail Road, now making and passing through a large portion of the most fertile territory of Virginia, to some of her most thriving inland towns; whence again, there can be no question, but that other branches will be extended, augmenting at every step, the usefulness and profits of our work, and pouring a constantly increasing amount of agricultural and mineral productions into the great commercial emporium of the state. And whilst these improvements are progressing on the other side of the Potomac, the patriotic, enterprising and intelligent Directors of the company, are left free to push their work, as at first contemplated, to the Ohio river, either through the Western counties of our state, or by any other route, (except only the Maryland shore of the Potomac,) as future experience and examination, may dictate, or require.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal too, seems to give earnest of its steady advancement, and of ultimately realizing all the hopes of its friends and projectors. Hitherto, it has had many difficulties to contend with, but a brighter day begins to dawn upon its prospects. Maryland, the cities of the District of Columbia, and a comparatively limited appropriation from the national treasury, have hitherto furnished the chief means of prosecuting this great work. Now, however, there are cheering indications of awakening, as well as increasing interests in its success. Virginia