

are the committee willing to consume in elaborate and lengthened argument the time of the House now brief and valuable, and to which action above all other things seems appropriate. Yet we will take time to express the hope and belief, that when the House shall look at the vast operations in which our sister States are exerting their mighty energies, and shall see them, and especially New York, the pioneer, growing with the growth, and strengthening with the strength of her public Works; and shall see those works, with almost creative power, calling forth and disenthraling the hidden wealth and slumbering resources of whatever wilderness they penetrate, incredulity will be silenced and reluctance overcome.

In relation to the Union bill now offered to the House, the committee has deliberated and pondered its every syllable;—no practicable device for securing the State from loss or inconvenience has been pretermitted, and scrutiny is invited and calculation defied to detect a crevice, through which a wound may reach the public credit or capital. We offer it to the House, with confidence, as a sure and infallible guide to State wealth; as a measure which will banish dependence from our commercial emporium, cheapen transportation, and increase the wealth of the people, unsover neglected mines of priceless treasure, attract a teeming population and make our State the centre of a trade which none can estimate—and do all this without abstracting one dollar from the Treasury, or from the pockets of the people. Not only so, but a capital of three millions of dollars, which we now have not, make ample provisions for the establishment of the unappreciable blessing of universal education.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company has expended on that magnificent work four millions of dollars. Two millions of dollars more are required to extend it to Cumberland. That sum the bill proposes to lend. In the first place it is made an indispensable condition to the sale of the State stock, by which it is proposed to raise the money, that every hundred