

and the Chesapeake, and being always accessible, with the winds which are most dangerous, will produce a result of incalculable value, whether we consider the saving of property, or of human life.

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Extracts from a Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Philadelphia to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, on the subject of the Delaware Breakwater.

From the Capes of Virginia to the entrance of the harbor of New York, there is not a place of refuge to which a vessel can resort for shelter, in moments of peril and danger. The intervening space comprehending a line of nearly three hundred miles, lying along the very centre of the Union, and the most frequented of any part of our coast by vessels navigating from port to port of the United States, presents to the distressed and harrassed navigator nothing to comfort or relieve him. He dare not approach the land, and if, by the power of causes beyond his control, he is driven too near, the shock which follows most commonly confounds his hopes, overwhelms his adventure, and, not unfrequently, consigns to one unhappy fate the vessel, the cargo, and the lives of all on board. The southernmost coast of New Jersey, particularly, has thus become the frequent scene of calamitous wreck and destruction.