

as to the policy of undertaking that great enterprize, with the means of Maryland almost alone, there ought to be now no diversity of sentiment, as to the justice and patriotism of essaying, to open a canal communication from Cumberland to tide water. This is due to the creditors of the company, whose chances of being remunerated for their labor are gloomy indeed, if the work is left, as it now is, a costly ruin. It is due to the public creditors, that a strenuous effort should be made to adopt some measure, to render available the large investments of the State in that company. In these opinions, all the humane, patriotic and unprejudiced amongst our constituents, may concur. But it is no easy task to point out a mode, in which these desirable results are to be attained. With a full view of the whole subject before them, the President and Directors of the company have recommended a measure which is submitted respectfully, to your consideration. Nothing, however, has occurred to change the opinions expressed in the annual message of last year, when the policy to be pursued in the completion of the canal was briefly examined.

Looking to the enviable central position of our State in the Union, with her noble bay and flourishing commercial emporium, ensuring all the advantages of an extended and profitable commerce with other nations; considering that Maryland is rich in mineral, agricultural, manufacturing and mechanical resources; and confiding in the bold enterprise, the acknowledged patriotism, and high sense of honor of our constituency, we may confidently predict, that the day is not very distant, when our State, relieved from the shackles of bad laws, and of onerous taxation, will come into line with the most favored of her sister States, in the resistless progress all are making to prosperity, happiness and power, not to be rivalled by other nations of the earth. In any measure calculated to hasten the coming of such a day, and such a destiny for our common country, the Senate and House are assured, that the whole constitutional powers of the Executive, will be most promptly and cheerfully exercised.

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