

Choptank, there occurs a considerable deposit of fossil oysters, forming the mass of the banks of the river, from fifteen to twenty feet above tide. The neighboring country would derive great advantage from the general use of this material, and every consideration of individual interest and public usefulness, was accordingly presented to the proprietor of these valuable banks to induce him to employ their contents on his own lands, or dispose of a portion of them to neighbors willing to purchase. It is to be believed, that an intelligent citizen cannot long resist any proper appeal made to him, when conducive both to private interest and to public good.

Another much more extensive, and more decidedly marly deposit, occurs on the estate of General Potter, at Potter's landing on the Choptank, between Kokias creek and Watt's branch. It affords several varieties of marl, (Nos. 4 and 5.) It is covered by a blue earth, which on analysis yielded the following constituents: alumine 10; carbonate of lime 9; silicea 70, &c. This article might also be advantageously employed as an amendment to the soil by which it is overlaid: it is, in fact, a sandy marl.\* The enlightened and patriotic proprietor of this estate, has expressed his willingness to supply his neighbors with such quantities of these materials, as would afford them the means of satisfying themselves as to their efficacy.

In the neighborhood of Hillsborough, marl of very good quality has, likewise, been discovered.

*Queen Anne's County.*—An important and valuable deposit occurs at the head of South-east creek, in the vicinity of Church hill. It is found on a farm belonging to Judge Earle; at present, the residence of Walter J. Clayton, Esq. by whom it was made known. Its analysis is given at No. 6 of the table. Similar deposits may be expected to make their appearance at the heads of the several creeks, having a common estuary with the one just mentioned; namely, Hamilton creek and Island creek. Accordingly, an analogous deposit has been traced in the direction of the head of these creeks, to the north-east side of Corsica creek, reaching into that

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\*For general directions as to the use of the various kinds of marl and clays the reader is referred to Section IV