

## REPORT

ANNAPOLIS, January 10, 1865.

*To the Honorable House of Delegates of Maryland:*

GENTLEMEN—At the last session of your Honorable Body, you had printed ten thousand copies of the report of the select committee appointed to prepare a statement of the Resources of Maryland, and placed them in my hands for distribution.

Fully realizing the importance of the work entrusted to me, I have exercised great care and deliberation in its accomplishment. It was my aim in the distribution of the report to place a copy in the hands of those only to whom the information would be desirable—the emigrating class at the North who are ever on the lookout for any change that will better their condition. To accomplish this it was necessary to visit in person many of the districts whence this emigration is drawn, with the two fold design of distributing the pamphlet and enlisting the sympathies of the press, legislative and other official bodies, and prominent citizens in the work proposed.

Though I had little reason to suppose I would meet with much encouragement from the class enumerated, as it would naturally be suspected they would discourage every scheme tending to reduce their population, I am pleased to be able to report a fair measure of success, with the press, and a great deal of assistance from the leading officials and citizens of the localities visited. I submit some extracts from leading journals confirmatory of this statement.

Having advertised with each copy of the report that I would cheerfully furnish, without charge, any further information in regard to Maryland, I was very soon in the receipt of numerous letters from every section of the country through which the reports were distributed, giving information of a speedy emigration to Maryland. I deemed it advisable to open an office in the city of Baltimore, and collect such information in regard to the number of farms for sale, the price per acre, and the readiest means of access to them, together with their adaptability to the various re-