

consequence of the superior advantages of health and water privileges and convenience, notwithstanding all the best ports and harbors in the country had persistent and able advocates to cause its removal. When in consequence of the war it was removed to Newport, strong efforts were made to cause its permanent location there. Other of the most favored points in the North also desired its presence. But the unequalled advantages of the climate and harbor of Annapolis prevailed over all other considerations and it has been removed to Annapolis and permanently located there. This fact proves the superior advantages of this Maryland harbor and its water privileges over others of the Union. Though it is by no means the best harbor in this division of Maryland. At the mouth of the Patuxent in Calvert county there is another in all respects superior to it.

*The Topographical Advantages of Anne Arundel County.*

*First*—Baltimore and Washington railroad is its northern boundary, by which it is only one hour distant from the city of Washington and less than that time from Baltimore at the most distant part of the county on this road. The Annapolis and Elk Ridge railroad from its junction with the Baltimore and Washington road, about equi-distant between Baltimore and Washington, runs through the county twenty miles to Annapolis, and for about ten miles of this distance is between South river and Severn river both navigable for this distance by the largest size steamboats. The peninsula formed by the Patapsco and Magothy rivers, is only a few miles broad, having the Patapsco river on one side, at the head of which is the city of Baltimore and Magothy river on the other, giving close, immediate and direct water communication from almost every man's farm to this great market. The district between the Magothy and Severn rivers has on one side the Magothy river on another the Chesapeake bay, with several armlets, and on another the Severn river, which besides containing one of the finest harbors in the United States is navigable for steamboats for the largest size nearly to its head. The peninsula between the Severn and South rivers, in regard to transportation is still more favored, being only six or eight miles in width, with the Chesapeake bay at its foot, Severn and South river on either side, and the Annapolis and Elk Ridge road running through its centre. Here is a choice of markets by railroad and water navigation, which leaves nothing to be desired. The district known as the Piney wood district is located on the Baltimore and Washington and the Annapolis and Elk Ridge road, and by good wagon roads to Baltimore, can and does transmit its extensive products to it within an hour or two. In all of this