

in a satisfactory proportion to the inquiries by letter, and many, who in the Spring expressed a determination to visit us at a later period, have failed to redeem their promises.— The cause of this would be apparent, if it was not expressed by them in subsequent letters. It is owing to the uncertainty of the future, engendered by the discussion of many points of national policy which it was hoped and expected would have been settled long ago. Until this is the case, Northern Immigration into Maryland will be greatly retarded.

FOREIGN IMMIGRATION.

There arrived at the port of Baltimore since the first of March last, 9,299 immigrants, 1802, by steamers, and 7,497 by sailing vessels. Those arriving by sailing vessels were all Germans, those by steamers comprised several nationalities. The greater portion of them were destined for the West, those remaining in the State being principally mechanics and farm laborers.

Each vessel was visited and advantage taken of the brief interval between the arrival and debarkation of the passengers, to impress them with the advantages of Maryland. It was soon apparent that little good could result from these hasty communications. After a long sea voyage they were impatient to reach the shore, and even should their attention be arrested and their mind be impressed with what they heard, after they left the ship they became a prey to adverse influences, and are run off to distant places for the paltry profit of their transportation. While it is possible, with enlarged facilities for communicating with these immigrants to direct some of the better class from their chosen destination, the greater number, influenced by the representations, before alluded to, are suspicious of any interference with their plans. Their choice of Maryland must be made before leaving home, and this selection can only be influenced by convincing them of the superiority of the advantages of this State.

With this object in view the statement herewith submitted, contrasting Maryland with the Western States, and containing much general information, I deemed of value to the inquirer, together with another, giving an account of the numbers, social and financial condition of the German element already settled amongst us, were printed in the German language and distributed throughout Germany.

Accompanying copies of this statement were letters addressed to a large number of persons, one hundred and sixteen in the aggregate, many of them already engaged in the business of forwarding emigrants to this country, describing at length the objects sought to be attained, and promising them a pecuniary consideration proportioned to the number of persons they would induce to purchase land in Maryland.

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