

taining sub-agencies or particular information, have to address themselves, (free of postage,) to the general agency, the expenses of the first organization for Maryland would be limited to the payment for advertising.

Local papers, as for example the *Volksblatt*, published by myself, which appear semi-weekly, are not so well adapted, (too much time being lost in inserting,) to profit of the emigration fever caused by the annexation of Nassau, Hesse and Hanover, and the panic subsequent to the general obligation for military duty.

I am ready to accept this general agency for Maryland, and leave it to you, Dear Sir, to fix the rate of remuneration for the same, as the  $\frac{1}{4}$  dollar kindly guaranteed to me has to be reserved, at least for the sub-agents. On my own part I shall not make any great pretensions, but I foresee that if the method I pointed out should be adopted, application should be entered with the general agency in such vast numbers as to require clerical help.

If the Government of Maryland will stipulate to me a fixed salary, from which sum I would cover the expenses of organization, I would be satisfied for the future with a little commission per acre, provided it should not prefer to fix my salary for my activity at this place.

If you look at the map you will find that I live on the most important Railroad in Germany, the Coln-Minden Railroad, in the midst of the lands lately annexed. I have been occupied as an emigrant agent for Bremen for the last 25 years, and given security to the Government which I would render, in case it should be enlarged, as it is likely, from my own means.

If you will have the matter vigorously proceeded with and the present time, which seems to be admirably adapted, taken advantage of, I would ask of you to inform me of it directly, and to enable me to cause the necessary insertions and to cover the expenses which have to be provided for and the calculation of cost you can make yourself, (for the *Rotaiske Zeitung*,) by counting the lines of your pamphlet.

If I might recommend some other well circulated papers, they would be the Berlin *Volks Zeitung*, and for Westphalia and Hanover the *Westphalean Zeitung* and the *Mercury*.

The rest will go by itself, as there will be no lack of zeal on my part, and thus Maryland will gain its point here in Germany in the cheapest and most efficient manner possible.

With this hope, I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

F. LAUTEN.