

The mildness and salubrity of its climate, the natural fertility of its virgin soils, the numerous and various sources of improvement for those that have been worn out by improvident cultivation; the unequalled advantages of its geographical position; the high moral and social tone of its population;—all tend to make it an object of interest, as well to those who wish to cultivate the earth for a subsistence, as those who tired of city life, or the drudgery of professional labor, desire to enjoy dignity with leisure in a retirement from noise and bustle, into the bosom of the country, where the pleasures of sense may be combined with the higher and purer social enjoyments, which all sigh for, and few obtain.

This section is blessed with abundant and convenient water transportation. The Chesapeake bay lies in majestic grandeur and beauty on the whole extent of its southwest border, from Elkton, the county town of Cecil, the most northern county to its most southern county. From this there runs between the counties, in some cases, intersecting them rivers, creeks, small bays and inlets, navigable for large vessels and affording a landing at almost every farm. The principal of these are the Pocomoke river, separating Worcester from Somerset county, the Nanticoke, separating Somerset from Dorchester, the Choptank, separating Dorchester from Talbot, and the latter from Caroline, the Wye separating Talbot from Queen Anne, the Chester separating Queen Anne from Kent, and the Sassafrass separating Kent from Cecil, the most northern of the counties in this sub-division. The above is the order of the rivers which separate the counties beginning at the southern part of the peninsula. Its most southern county, Worcester, has for its eastern boundary the Atlantic ocean, with easy transit to New York and the world.

These are not "muddy creeks nor estuaries, half land and half water, running up into a country little elevated above tide-water," but they are as far as the tide makes bold, deep arms of the bay, with clear, firm well defined shores, with high and well drained adjacent land, sometimes gently rolling, frequently presenting high, picturesque bluffs. Above tide-water these rivers are met by rapid running streams, of pure, soft fresh water, affording in many instances a sufficient amount of water power for all domestic purposes.

The frontier of this sub-division of the tide-water section has inland facilities for transportation to domestic markets and commerce with the world, unequalled in our country, save in its counterpart on the Western Shore. It has as we have seen the Chesapeake bay, an avenue to the cities of the District, and Annapolis, and Baltimore. The Chesapeake and Delaware canal, giving an easy way to the markets of Philadelphia and New York, and to each of these cities it is most