

opening speedy and direct communication with every portion of the Union, conveying to them all the fabric and material of domestic manufacture and foreign commerce, and receiving in return the agricultural and mineral wealth of the whole country;—its paramount superiority in the tobacco, flour, coffee and many other trades;—its lines of internal communication already extending to many and being rapidly pushed to all sections and sub-sections of our country,—with a population famous everywhere for mechanical skill, professional ability and the practice of the christian virtues of which the greatest of these is charity, which have given monuments to its defenders and graves to its invaders; whose patriotism has stood the most trying ordeals; the inspiration of whose valor in defence of their homes has given to the world the national anthem “the Star Spangle Banner,” and who are yet willing to do and dare all that men may do, that it may long wave “over the land of the free and the home of the brave,” stands at the head of Patapsco river in this county. It can be reached from any part of this county by a few hours drive over a fine road, and in much shorter time, almost hourly, by safe and well conducted Railroads. Such is the locality where all may find work, all realise profit from landed investment and all gain a home with all the blessings that attach to that word in the minds of the American citizen.

#### HOWARD COUNTY.

This county, formerly a part of Anne Arundel county, is bounded on the north-west by the Patapsco river, which separates it from Baltimore and Carroll counties, on the south by the Patuxent, which separates it from Montgomery county, on the east by the Baltimore and Washington Railroad, which separates it from Anne Arundel county, and on the west by Frederick county; lying immediately on the Granite-ridge above tide-water and extending to the summit of Parr's Ridge, it embraces all the best varieties of volcanic soils, viz: red and white isinglass, hornblendge soils particularly in the district of country known as Elk Ridge, limestone clay soils, mica slate and talc soils.

Many of these are already highly improved, all are capable of being made so. It produces fine crops of wheat, rye, oats, Indian eorn, tobacco, timothy, clover and other grasses. Fine fruits of the varieties suited to the latitude, and most excellent vegetables flourish here. From its large production of fine grass crops, the raising of the finest breeds of horses, cattle, sheep and other live stock, has attained great perfection amongst its agriculturalists, and from its herds have been selected numerous specimens for exportation to other States