

timore and Potomac is nearing completion ; that Western Maryland is spreading her iron arms in various ways ; that the Eastern Shore is still emulous of close railroad connection with Baltimore City, and Southern Maryland is preparing to enter the field of enterprise and progress.

In presenting this report of the financial condition and operations of the Department over which I have had the honor to preside for three years, I embrace the opportunity of making my valedictory to you, the Representatives of the people. How well or ill I have discharged that duty is not for me to say—I leave that to others ; but I have the proud consciousness of faithfully serving the State and her people, and the satisfaction of knowing that my successor is every way worthy of the trust committed to him.

In taking leave, I wish you a most harmonious Session, believing all you do will be for the honor and welfare of our beloved Commonwealth.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant,

WM. J. LEONARD,

Comptroller.