

ditures, and the passage of proper laws to enforce the payment of taxes already due, will enable the Direct Tax to be repealed. This will be a great relief to the farming interest, now groaning under the immense burdens imposed by the General Government. The policy of the Federal Government, in discriminating against the farming and producing interests, for the benefit of manufacturers and capitalists, is felt perhaps, more severely by the farmers of Maryland, and the other Atlantic States, than those of the great West.

Be this as it may, it is certain that those interests are languishing and almost prostrate in this State, from its effects.

While the Legislature of the State can in no way interfere to screen our farmers from the effects of this policy, yet much can be done, by an economical administration of State affairs, and a reduction of public expenditures, to free them from the burdens of State taxation. Nothing in the power of the State Government will contribute so much to enhance and revive the farming interests, (with which the commercial interests of the State are also so intimately connected,) as to relieve them from taxation by an economical administration of State and county affairs. If Maryland can be comparatively free from taxation, capital will instantly seek investment within her borders, lands will increase in value in every part of the State, the population of the counties will be increased, labor will be rewarded and immigration ensue in consequence, commerce will revive, and general prosperity may be confidently expected in every portion of our beloved State.

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