

by the line of $38^{\circ} 44'$ which separates Maryland from Pennsylvania, than by the Potomac river, which divides Maryland from Virginia—Maryland remains a neutral or disputed ground.

The same may be said of her as a slave, or non-slave holding state. Her policy is neither attached exclusively to the one nor the other side of this unpleasant question—Her laws recognize and sustain slavery, but at the same time allow of emancipation on a scale as broad as seems consistent with the well being of her society.

In regard to dimensions of territory, Maryland is the *seventeenth* state of the union—sixteen of the States have more territory, and seven states have less. The surface is about 13,950 square miles, of which nearly one fifth is water.

In regard to population, Maryland is the *tenth* state of the union—nine states have a greater, and fourteen states have a less number of inhabitants. In regard to *density* of population, Maryland is the fifth state of the union.

By the census of 1820, the total number of inhabitants in the United States was 9,625,724—dividing that sum by twenty four, the number of states in the union, and it gives 401,072 as the average number for each state. The population of Maryland was 407,350, which is a fraction of 6278 over the average. No other state in the union approximates so near to the average number. Maryland, according to the