

congress, under the present census, that there was under that of 1790, altho' the ratio has been raised from 30 to 40,000 .

The actual political influence of Maryland, as a member of the confederation, is now rather less than one half what it was at the adoption of the constitution, even if she avail herself of every advantage.

Happily for Maryland, the political influence of a state is not entirely dependent upon its representation. Position is of vast importance. Natural conveniences of navigation is no less so. In both those respects, as well as in the facilities offered for internal improvement and manufactures, Maryland has advantages unrivaled by any state of the Union, except New York, and might justly contend for the palm with that prosperous state, to which she is mainly inferior in extent only. Our political position as a central key stone to the union—as partaking of the climate of both the sections, and able to resort to the pursuits of either or both—as having in her bosom, if not under her wings, the rapidly increasing Capital of the nation with its vast advantages as such—possessing an extent of coast, not indeed of sea coast, but of water course, auperior for domestic conveniences to any sea coast, and larger in extent than that of any state of the union—having a key of communication with the north, the north west, and the west, not only equal, but fairly superior to that of New-