

York itself, and which will certainly be improved, so soon as the people of the state are awakened to its vast advantages—possessing a capital city which has had a growth as remarkable as that of any city of the world, and which now places her next to Philadelphia for population—enjoying a commerce which ranks the state as the third, and tonnage that elevates her as the second state in the union; not in proportion, but in actual amount. In proportion to extent and population, Maryland has now a greater tonnage, and a greater commerce than any state in the union—what would it be if the avenues were open, which would connect her with the Mohawk and the western counties of New York, with the vast chains of northern, and north western lakes—with the Ohio—the Mississippi—the Missouri—avenues that wait only to be improved, and Maryland will truly become the *centre of the Union*, in the most intimate of all political connections—that of commerce and profitable intercourse.