

Within the above period, the principal increase of the population of the state has been concentrated in the City of Baltimore, which swelled in the thirty years, from a population of 13,503 to 62,738 souls. By abstracting this number from the population of the counties, it will be found that the Eastern Shore counties have preserved not very far short of the same ratio of increase with the counties of the Western Shore. The increase of the former amounting to 8,289, and the latter only to 30,387, between the years 1790 and 1820.

BAYS AND RIVERS.—The natural advantages of Maryland, for commercial purposes, are of the first order. Her own sea coast indeed is of inconsiderable extent, and possesses no inlet inviting the entrance of shipping for trade.—The Sinepuxen bay, stretching between the capes of Delaware and those of Virginia, is merely a channel between the eastern coast and a succession of sands and islands. The sea coast of Virginia and Maryland, taken together, being open the whole year, having regular soundings all its length, with good anchorage outside of the capes, has justly been pronounced one of “the safest, evenest and boldest coasts in the universe.”

The *Chesapeake Bay*, which makes in sixteen leagues south of the Maryland line, affords an entrance between Cape Charles and Cape Henry, familiarly called the capes of Virginia, nearly five leagues across, which width is increased