

taining, as the title page discloses, "directions for sowing, transplanting and raising the Mulberry tree, together with proper instructions for propagating the same by cuttings, layers, &c. &c. as also instructions for the culture of Silk, to which is added calculations shewing the produce and probable expense of cultivation of from one to ten acres, *as tested by actual results.*"

We also lay before you the letter of Mr. Roberts, which accompanied the presentation of the work to the Executive.

The information contained in this publication, is in the highest degree interesting and useful, and it is for you to determine upon the propriety and expediency of disseminating that information extensively among the people of this State. That the climate and soil of Maryland are well adapted to the growth of the Mulberry, is a fact within the knowledge and observation of us all, and we think there is every reason to believe, that suitably encouraged and guided by a proper intelligence on the subject, our people may soon become conveniently successful in the culture of Silk.

In looking over the "Manuel" now before us, we have been forcibly struck with many of the facts presented, and which seem to be sustained by unquestionable authority; and we perceived, with the highest satisfaction, that in most of the States, north of Maryland, and particularly in Connecticut and Massachusetts, the Silk business has been prosecuted on an extensive scale for several years past, and with uniform success. The people of many other States have also lately turned their attention to this important subject, and it is confidently believed by those who are best acquainted with it, that the period is not far distant, when Silk will constitute a *staple* article in some of the States of the Union. This anticipation is founded on the admitted adaptation of our soil and climate to its profitable cultivation, and the high price of the article itself—a pound of raw Silk being worth from three and a half to four dollars.

In illustration of this, we may cite as facts, on the authority of the Hon. Ambrose Spencer, of New York, that in 1834, raw Silk to the amount of over \$60,000 was produced in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, and that the county of Windham, in the same State, produces annually *five tons* of Silk, valued at \$500,000, which, if