

reference to agriculture, but I have abundant evidence that our citizens expect still more of me. They require information to aid them in making available our varied and abundant resources applicable to other branches of industry, which I have in all cases cheerfully given.

I am fully convinced that a complete description of all the mineral resources of our State would tend greatly to promote the public interest. It is therefore a source of great regret that I have neither time nor space to add such an account to this report. Unwilling, however, to neglect these important sources of wealth, I shall give in the appendix a brief sketch of some of the most prominent.

I shall also add some views in reference to Artesian wells, and of their adaptation to different parts of our State.

It is my intention on a future occasion to present a full exposition of all our resources, which I think will show that there is not a territory on the face of the globe, of equal extent, whose sources of wealth are superior to those of our own Maryland.

The geological constitution of our State is such as to give us every formation that exists in any other State. By means of our noble bay and tide water rivers, the cheapest means for transportation are supplied to more than one-half the State, whilst the best means that art can give have been and continue to be applied to the remainder. Upon the completion of the new lines of railroad now contemplated, every farm in the State will be within a few miles either of a railroad or of navigation. These, taken in connection with our agricultural and other industrial resources, when fully developed, cannot but produce a degree of prosperity no where to be excelled.

I cannot close this report without expressing my warmest acknowledgments for the kindness I have every where experienced during my travels in the counties, as well as my gratification at the interest expressed in my investigations. This interest was constantly indicated in offers of every facility that might be required. By the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company this interest was manifested by giving the privilege of free travel over that important work.