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There is a remote or insular position
detached, and less temperate
point of climate than any other
the Chesapeake Bay. Surely
that would be like making
sovereign shelter in the
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the best place for a naval depot
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must be exp cted hereafter to
for oceanic supremacy between
and other nations, our great
deposits will assuredly be the
objects of attack; and beyond
intrinsic strength of their
they must also rely on the
spirit of the adjacent popula-
which can alone be organized
put in motion by means of a
friendly and co-operating
the local authorities.—It is
for the wisdom of congress to
far in such emergencies those
be solely depended upon, who
deemed it not compatible with
morality and religion to rejoice
at our naval successes and who
arrogated the right to disobey
at pleasure a call by the consti-
tutional "commander in chief"
for the services of those who
have been justly denominated
the natural defenders of the
country. The question then is,
which, under all circumstances
is the most eligible place for a
naval depot?

The extent of our line of coast,
the seat of government, the interests
to be protected, the extent and ac-
cessibility of our leading waters,
must be taken into consideration
in deciding the question. Nature,
indeed, has scarcely left "a loop
hang a doubt upon." To place
reliance on means of offence or
defence, situated at the extremity
of our line of sea-coast, or beyond
would seem little wiser than the
practice attributed by an enter-
prising author to the first Dutch
settlers, who preferred building
at Communipaw, to founding
the terra firma of Manhattan
because, in the former place,
they could drive piles into the
and the solidity of the latter,
would not admit of that
Without stretching the
of comparison beyond its
I must declare, that between
vezton & St. Mary's, the Ches-
or Rhode Island, Boston or
samoquoddy, it is an easy matter
choose aright; for it seems impos-
sible for common sense to go
Nature and reason indicate
Chesapeake as the most proper
tion for a Naval Depot. The
position of this bay, and
without strong reasons; for
bar can be removed at the
of the Severn, and a new
can be easily prevented, we
(ceteris paribus) prefer it to
tion. Its vicinity to Wash-
to which it is the natural
and to Baltimore, united to
consideration that its site
is identified with that of the
capital of the state, in
or in disaster, are seducing
ful recommendations, to
may be added as a considera-
no little moment the excel-
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of harassing the circum-
settlements. Had the ready
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the close defence, we approach
the Capitol, and ultimately to
really appears conclusive in
its great advantages. Per-
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its entrance it is about three miles
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deep, for 1 1/2 to 2 miles up. Its
width gradually decreases, until you
pass two projecting points, at oppo-
site sides, within which the depth
at low water, is about 24 feet, and
the river from point to point about
half a mile wide. From this place
about two miles further up, the river
is, by two or three projecting points,
diminished to about 500 yards in
width, presenting above those points
a beautiful basin in which there is
near the entrance inside 20 or 21
feet at low water.

"This river above where it is per-
fectly susceptible of defence against
a naval force, presents in several
respects, the most seducing reasons
for its selection as a naval depot and
rendezvous."
Commodore Porter says of St.
Mary's, "In point of healthiness of
situation, security from maritime
attack, and (I am informed) from
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easy egress and ingress, to and from
an inner harbour, at all times; for
ships of war drawing not more than
24 1/2 feet of water; the advantages
it offers by means of streams of
water for labour-saving purposes,
and its convenience to forests of
fine timber, St. Mary's is in my op-
inion superior to any other place
of which I have a knowledge on the
Chesapeake for a naval depot."

It may be here suggested that a
safe shelter near the mouth of Po-
tomac would be of great importance
to Baltimore, as it would afford a
resting point to her numerous fast
sailing privateers, which made such
immense havoc during the last war
on the commerce of the enemy,
more, perhaps, than those from all
the United States besides. Leav-
ing the Patapasco with a northerly
wind they would reach the Potomac
in eight or ten hours. Thence they
would run to sea with great ease,
under cover of one night, aided by
a strong northerly wind, as they of-
ten did even from above the mouth
of Patuxent last war, eluding the
vigilance or laughing at the efforts
of the enemy who were wont to say
they "whizzed by us like wild
ducks."

It is to be regretted that the pub-
lic mind has been so long indiffer-
ent or divided on a subject so inti-
mately connected with the inter-
ests and safety of this portion of
the union—we need not be reminded
of the provoking aggressions of a
domineering enemy (in possession
of the Chesapeake) during the whole
of the late war "laying waste and
devastating" its shores, nor is it
necessary for a ghost to inform us,
that the establishment of a naval
depot on its waters is the only effectual
way by which we can collect and
keep in readiness the means of guard-
ing against a similar vexation here-
after.

Had a central camp been provid-
ed in season between this city and
Washington, as was suggested by
some worthy and patriotic soldiers
and citizens, whence an army could
have marched on either with suffi-
cient celerity, Troy had not fallen!
and, it cannot be denied that St.
Mary's as a naval rendezvous pos-
sesses eminent central advantages.
A military force co-operating with
a naval one from that point might
be equally efficient in the defence
of Norfolk, Washington or Baltimore.
However I am not a special plead-
er for section although pointing out
the superior advantages of a particu-
lar site.—The navy is national
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