

# MEMORIAL

*To the General Assembly of Maryland.*

The memorial of the undersigned respectfully

SHEWETH :

That in the present month of December, 1834, a convention was held in the city of Baltimore, composed of delegates from numerous portions of the inhabitants of the State, together with those appointed by many citizens of the adjacent States of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and also of the State of Ohio and District of Columbia, to deliberate upon the present situation and future prospects of the internal commerce of that section of our country in which they felt a common interest, in order that they might respectfully present to your honorable body their views of the measures which might most conduce to the public advantage. As some of those whose opinions will be offered to your consideration, are inhabitants of other States, it may not be amiss to bestow a passing thought upon the spectacle thus afforded by the concurrent application of your own citizens, together with those of other States—inasmuch as it may justly be deemed a fortunate circumstance for the lasting union of this confederacy, that the commercial connections of different States are inseparably interwoven with each other, by the indestructible ties of personal interest, to which nature has already given rise, by the direction of water-courses and mountains; and to which a far sighted patriotism will afford additional strength by the increase of artificial modes of communication.

One of the subjects which occupied the deliberations of the meeting above mentioned, was the plan of connecting the commercial metropolis of Maryland with the upper waters of the Susquehannah river, by means of a rail road. Arriving at its banks where the stream assumes a character which fits it for the purposes of useful navigation, through the northern part of Pennsylvania, and even into the State of New York, the proposed road will also effect a junction with the works which traverse Pennsylvania from East to West, and thus open a new and cheap channel of trade to the great and growing West. Your memorialists are deeply impressed with the necessity of prompt exertion to maintain the share of both foreign and