

made one of the most flourishing in the State. Its peculiar position,—at the head of the Bay—intersected by water courses—traversed both by a canal and rail road, and thus possessed of every facility for the transportation of its various productions—midway between two large cities, either of which, for social intercourse, can be reached in a very few hours—it presents itself under a remarkably favorable aspect to those who are desirous of retiring upon farms, or of founding landed estates. There can be no doubt that the prices at which lands have recently been sold in Cecil are much below their intrinsic value; and, without desiring to create or to encourage an unwholesome spirit of speculation, by affixing a nominal value to them, that would be more injurious than beneficial to the prosperity of the county, they may be safely recommended to those who are willing to invest their funds in this way; provided they be improved forthwith by means of those natural resources which they contain within themselves, or that are within their reach.

Before concluding the account of the mineral resources of Cecil county, it should be stated that beds of several varieties of clays and ochres occur on the banks of the Bohemia, those of Cap. John's creek, and the Sassafras, that promise to furnish valuable materials to an extensive branch of our domestic industry. Specimens collected from various localities, together with some, of apparently superior quality, that were forwarded by Dr. Reed Pearce from Cap. John's creek, have been placed in the hands of a skilful and intelligent manufacturer in Baltimore, who has kindly consented to give them a full trial, the result of which has not yet been obtained, but will be communicated in proper time to those more immediately interested, as well as eventually to the public. It may be well to mention in this place that more attention should be paid to these deposits of clays than has hitherto been done, as they are likely to be soon in great demand for the manufacture of stoneware, which is daily growing in importance to the city and to the State.

*Bog ore* of good quality occurs on Mr. Henry Fisher's farm, at the head of Sassafras, where the color of the waters indicates that it probably exists in large quantity, and in the neighborhood of Warwick, on the farm of Mr. Lockwood, where specimens were obtained whose specific gravities were found to vary from 2.5 to 3.—They were free from any *phosphate of iron*, and their fracture possessed a semi-metallic lustre. They would probably yield from 25 to 30 per cent. of iron.