

her Legislature, Pennsylvania has more recently spoken in its favor, and
and other sister States, cannot have become indifferent to it. Both this
work, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, highly important as they
undoubtedly are to this State, are of a character and magnitude so truly
and clearly National, that we cannot but indulge the hope that they
will each receive the aid of the National Treasury, in a manner and
upon a scale correspondent to the dignity and abundant means of the
Nation, and the magnitude and importance of the works themselves.

With the limited resources for such ^{superior} undertakings much
has been done; an impetus has been given to public opinion; the eyes
of the Nation are upon them; doubts of their practicability have been
dispelled; the legitimate, appropriate, and adequate support of the
General Government, is alone wanting to insure their final completion,
and triumphant success; and this support, we cannot allow ourselves
to believe, will be much longer withheld. We, therefore, confidently
anticipate that at no very distant day these great works will be
fully completed, and that whilst they will afford the means and
facilities of social and commercial intercourse, they will be
of inestimable value, as amongst the strongest ligaments of the
"primary of patriotic desire," of all good citizens — the perpetual
— indissoluble — Union of the State.

Amongst our works of internal improvement, in
progress of execution, the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail
Road deserves notice. It is much to be regretted that the policy of
our sister in the North, has hitherto denied to this work the
privilege of pursuing its course beyond the confines of Maryland.
It may however be profitably extended in another direction; nor
can we abandon the hope that Pennsylvania will, yet relax
her policy in this respect, and deal with it in that spirit of liberality,
hitherto, in other respects, so peculiarly characteristic of that great
State.

The Rail Road from Baltimore to Washington has been
commenced, and the whole of the Capital believes to be necessary
for its completion, having been subscribed, there can be no doubt
of its being finished within the time prescribed, and as little of its
great public utility and production of good when completed.

Whether any, and if any what, Legislation may be
necessary during your present session in reference to any of our works
of internal improvement, is left to your wisdom and consideration
when you shall have received and examined the particular
reports which will, no doubt, be submitted to you in reference to
each.

We earnestly press upon your consideration the necessity
of providing for the better organization and discipline of the Militia.
The experience of all Ages has taught, that the only safe the