

canal whose highest elevation would be communicated by a copious stream for a few

The natural advantages of the country are, it is believed, not fully explored. But the remuneration offered to individual enterprise is too precarious and distant to expect much from that quarter; and it does appear, that there is no object more worthy of national protection, (in every view of it affecting the dearest interests of the republic) than a great water communication between the Eastern and Western States.

The views here taken of the true policy of the General Government, receive a conclusive proof of their justness from the care which the national representatives have bestowed on the Cumberland Turnpike Road.

That road commencing on the Potomac, and which will be completed in a little time to Wheeling on the Ohio, remained unconnected with the great post road leading through the Atlantic cities. The State of Maryland has however, from her own resources, and from the enterprise of her citizens, nearly filled up this interval by making, (with the exception of 10 miles not yet provided for,) a continuous paved road, from Cumberland to Baltimore, and on the same construction as the national road.

The completion of these roads, (a distance of 130 miles nearly,) has borne heavily on Maryland; and more particularly as the unexampled derangement of the monied concerns of the country has made the contract undertaken by the banks, (namely, to make the road from Conococheague Creek to Cumberland a distance of 58 miles,) oppressive and onerous in the extreme.

Those institutions have however, to their honor, persevered through the most distressing times; and the whole distance is under contract to be delivered, fully completed, by the last of December 1820. When it is considered that this road is the direct road from the national road to the city of Washington, the immediate interest of Congress in its establishment will be perceived.

On the post road from Washington to the eastward, a turnpike of earth, originally raised so as to throw off the water, has been constructed by the exertions of individuals.

From Baltimore the same sort of road is constructed for 8 or 10 miles towards the