

the expansion of commerce, the growth of population and the augmentation of wealth. The revenue of the State is so intimately blended with the ultimate success of these great works of Internal improvement, that if they were considered only in this contracted view, their vigorous prosecution seems to be required by a just estimate of the State's financial condition.

If the committee were at liberty to indulge in the expression of political feelings, this subject would invite their attention. Some future historian in analysing the causes which gave rise to American greatness, will trace it to the establishment of our glorious union; and we know not that the integrity of this union, may not owe its continued existence to the institution of these and like works of Internal Improvements. They have a direct tendency to assimilate the feelings of the people, scattered over an almost boundless territory, to create a mutual dependence, to beget a reciprocity of kind offices, and consequently to destroy those local feelings and prejudices, which were to our patriot fathers a source of so much disquietude.

Much of the profitableness, of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company may depend on its speedy accomplishment.—By supineness and delay this State may be anticipated by Pennsylvania in the completion of works of a similar character.—There is now a continuous Rail Road in operation between Philadelphia and Chambersburg, and the proposition to extend the route to Pittsburg, has already been brought before the Legislature of the State and the survey has been made and reported to the Governor of Pennsylvania. A prompt and energetic action on the part of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company in extending this road to Pittsburg and Wheeling, would secure the great trade of the entire Western counsy for Baltimore City. The greater proximity of Baltimore to the West, and other local advantages with which the Legislature are familiar, would give to Baltimore an advantage so obvious over Philadelphia, that no consideration, other than the apprehension that this work will languish, or progress tardily, could induce Philadelphia to compete in the manner contemplated, for the great western trade. The early accomplishment of this work is a matter in which the highest interests of the State are deeply involved, and every facility should be granted by the Legislature, to enable the company to extend the work to those points on the Ohio, with the greatest despatch.

In virtue of the law entitled "An act for the promotion of Internal Improvements" three millions of dollars were sub-