

our shore, give our people a ready and cheap conveyance to other sections of the country, and while you make them acquainted with the improved practices of other districts, and excite in them a spirit of emulation and enterprise, you at the same time exhibit our advantages to enterprising capitalists, and invite them to settle amongst us.

The immigration of the last few years from the upper part of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, into the counties of Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne, and the improvement which has followed by means of their example, wherever one of these enterprising men has fixed his residence, has had most happy effect, and gives us every reason to believe, that when a ready communication shall be opened to all parts of the shore, the like effects will be every where experienced. Your memorialists believe that the opening of the road for the reasons already assigned, and for others which could be adduced, will work a happy revolution in the agriculture of the Eastern Shore, developé its resources, and increase its wealth and population. These are objects of sufficient magnitude in the opinion of your memorialists, to call for the aid of the State, and to authorise the appropriation of the sum required for our road, even if it would never return a cent of interest directly to the treasury.

“Should the anticipations of the friends of the road be realized, as they respect its salutary influence upon the prosperity of the Eastern Shore, the advantage both to it and the general interests of the State must, we think, be admitted; for it is manifest that the increased prosperity of so large a portion of the State, by adding to the general wealth and population, must necessarily enhance the power and influence of the State at home and abroad. That it can affect injuriously the aggregate wealth or strength of the State, we can see no grounds of apprehension. Equally interested as are the Eastern and Western Shores in the prosperity of the commercial capital of the State, we apprehend too that the advantages to redound to the city of Baltimore from the increased wealth and multiplied resources and population of a district of country which ever has and always must continue to resort to her for the sale of the great bulk of its staple productions, must be looked upon as a common benefit.”

But while such are my views of the prospects and probable profitability of this work, I am free to confess that I would not under existing circumstances invest a single shilling in its stock if I was not already involved in it, and my reasons for this opinion are these: In its commencement, its operations were embarrassed by Mr. Teackle, whose course was by me sufficiently developed at the last session; scarcely had the company freed itself from that difficulty, before it was assailed by the resolutions and orders of the last house, which seemed to be founded on the supposition that the company had forfeited its charter and was guilty of gross improprieties. These orders had effect to impair confidence in the company and to prostrate its credit; and although the relief