

ken out, besides large quantities of coal, limestone and fire clay, and a sufficient length of levels driven in the ore beds to take out at least thirty thousand tons of ore.

“With regard to the general progress of the works for the manufacture of iron, the following is the result of our labour. The stacks of two blast furnaces of the largest class, have been completed, and two engines rated at 80 horse-power each, but capable of being worked much higher, have been made and delivered by the West Point Foundry Association; the first being intended for the blast furnaces, and the second for the rolling mill and its appendages. The apparatus necessary for grinding, drying and burning fire brick to almost any extent, has been erected: likewise lime kilns, blacksmiths’ and carpenters’ shops, boarding houses, store and dwelling houses, for the accommodation of upwards of one hundred families, while many more are in progress of erection.

“Workmen are now employed in building the engine house and foundry, to be completed, if possible, before the severe weather comes on. In the mean time, an engine of twenty horse-power has been completed in Baltimore, to blow the cupola, turn the lathes, &c.

“Our progress is such, that we can confidently expect to have both furnaces in blast in the course of a very few weeks.”

The Union Company is at the southern end of the basin, bordering upon the North Branch of the Potomac and along the Savage. They have a charter for an improvement of the North Branch by slack water navigation, a distance of twenty-seven miles to Cumberland, by which, when completed, they will have a cheap and convenient communication with the canal.

The George’s Creek coal and iron company, at Lonaconing, propose taking their coal on a rail road, to be constructed by them, terminating a little above Cumberland, in a basin they intend making on the North Branch, which will enable them to transport their inexhaustible stores of coal and iron to the great basin at Cumberland. But it is to the mines of coal and iron in the northern section of this great tract of mineral deposits, that we are to look for more immediate supplies.

In this section, the principal companies are the Mount Savage, of which notice has already been taken by reference to the letter of Mr. Weld, the New York and Boston Co., the Allegany Mining Company, and the Clifton Company on Jennings’ Run, and the Maryland Mining Company on Braddock’s Run, which