

agents of the State of Maryland, to the moral effect which may be anticipated from the successful adoption of the measure which is now proposed. -- If they can but hold out to the people of the State some definite prospect of the completion of this great work, distrust and despondency will be banished, with all their blighting influences, and hope and confidence will be once more re-established amongst us. The taxes which are now grudgingly paid by those who cannot reasonably hope to receive any benefit in return for them, will then be freely loaned to sustain the State in her temporary difficulties. The credit of the State, which is now languishing, will then be rapidly resuscitated; and it may not be going too far to hazard the prediction, "that when the canal shall have been completed to Cumberland, the State will once more be enabled to obtain a loan on favorable terms, for the purpose of paying off the debt of \$2,000,000 which may have been contracted by the company in completing the work."

In this event, the tolls would at once be rendered available for the payment of the interest on the State debt, and the people would be speedily relieved from the oppressive burdens under which they are now so meritoriously struggling.

All which is respectfully submitted,

TENCH TILGHMAN.

DECEMBER 3, 1842.

The report having been read, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the same be laid on the table, and that 250 copies thereof be printed, in pamphlet form, under the direction and superintendence of General Tilghman.