

viz: Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, which constitute the

EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND.

It is bounded on the north by the far famed Mason and Dixon's line, (which separates it from Pennsylvania as it does the slave from the non-slaveholding part of our Union;) on the south by the eastern shore of Virginia; on the east by the Atlantic Ocean and Mason and Dixon's line, separating it from the State of Delaware; and on the west by the Chesapeake Bay. The mildness and salubrity of its climate, the natural fertility of its virgin soils, the numerous and various sources of improvement for those that have been worn out by improvident cultivation; the unequalled advantages of its geographical position; the high moral and social tone of its population;—all tend to make it an object of interest, as well to those who wish to cultivate the earth for a subsistence, as those who tired of a city life, or the drudgery of professional labor, desire to enjoy dignity with leisure in a retirement from noise and bustle, into the bosom of the country, where the pleasures of sense may be combined with the higher and purer social enjoyments, which all sigh for, and few obtain. A plain description of this section of our State, derived from personal observation during a residence there of nearly eighteen months, being the testimony of what I have seen, and of what I know, from careful observation, will fully confirm what I have said.

First, as to the advantages of its geographical position. Any one who will look at a large map of the United States, will not fail to perceive that in this respect it is *unequaled* by any other part of our Union.

On one side resting on the ocean, on the other reposing on the Chesapeake Bay,—the largest and most beautiful in the world,—intersected by rivers, or rather arms of the bay, every few miles, which afford at all seasons of the year a safe, cheap and speedy conveyance to market. Placed within a circle, as it were, surrounded by the great cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, all ready and willing consumers of its varied agricultural productions: the ingenuity of man could not improve its locality in this respect. All that railroads and canals, made with enormous labor and expense, can, in the opinions of the most sanguine, effect for other portions of the Union, is here accomplished by the hand of nature, in a manner blending the highest beauty with the greatest utility.

Almost every man has fine bold water, either at his door or only a few miles distant from it, navigable for the largest schooners and steamboats, which, with but little time and expense, can convey his productions to market, and bring in return whatever may be required for convenience, for comfort, for luxury. These waters are, moreover, abundantly supplied with the finest fish, terrapins,