

push their work, as at first contemplated to the Ohio river, either through the Western counties of our state, or by any other route, (except only the Maryland shore of the Potomac,) as future experience and examination, may dictate, or require.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal too, seems to give earnest of its steady advancement, and of ultimately realizing all the hopes of its friends and projectors. Hitherto, it has had many difficulties to contend with, but a brighter day begins to dawn upon its prospects, Maryland, the cities of the District of Columbia, and a comparatively limited appropriation from the national treasury, have hitherto furnished the chief means of prosecuting this great work. Now, however, there are cheering indications of awakening, as well as increasing interests in its success. Virginia extended to it a favouring hand, at the last session of her Legislature. Pennsylvania has, more recently, spoken in its favour. Ohio, and other western states cannot have become indifferent to it. Both this work, and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, highly important as they undoubtedly are, to this state, are of a character & magnitude, so truly and clearly national, that we cannot but indulge the hope that they will, each receive the aid of the national treasury, in a manner, and upon a scale, correspondent to the dignity and abundant means of the nation, and to the magnitude and importance of the works themselves.

With the limited resources for such stupendous undertakings, much has been done; an impetus has been given to public opinion; the eyes of the nation are upon them; doubts of their practicability have been dispelled; the legitimate, appropriate, and adequate support of the general government, is *alone*, wanting to ensure their final completion, and triumphant success; and thus support, we cannot allow ourselves to believe, will be much longer withheld. We, therefore, confidently anticipate, that at no very distant day, these great works will be fully completed, and that, whilst they will afford the means and facilities of social and commercial intercourse, they will be of inestimable value, as amongst the strongest ligaments of "the primary objects of the patriotic desire" of all