

Maryland, south of a line drawn from east to west, through Cecil county, commencing at the Delaware line, passing a few miles north of Elkton, and terminating a few miles below Port Deposit on the Susquehanna. If the same line be continued from a point a little above Havre de Grace, on the opposite side of the Susquehanna, through Harford and Baltimore counties, with very slight deviations along the main post road to Baltimore, nearly the whole of the site of which it embraces; thence along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, to where it reaches the Patapsco; from this a little west of the Washington turnpike road, passing behind that city and terminating at the confluence of Rock creek and the Potomac, it will form the N. N. W. and W. boundaries of the portion of Maryland, on the western side of the Chesapeake bay, in which these clay deposits, varying in extent, in nature, and consequently in their susceptibility of application to useful purposes, will be found to occur.

The value of these deposits is already fully appreciated by those engaged in the manufacture of their contents. The stone ware of Baltimore is celebrated and largely exported. The clay of which it is made is sent in great quantity to Philadelphia. The Baltimore glazed ware, yellow and black, is a highly prized article of commercial exchange. Our common pottery is no less extensively used. An estimate of fifty thousand dollars rather falls short of than exceeds the annual value of products in this branch of domestic industry; of which from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars worth is yearly exported.*

*No account is taken in this place of the Porcelain clay, which there is reason to believe occurs in abundance, both in the upper part of Cecil and Harford counties, because this mineral belongs to another order of geological formations.