

ogically termed pipe ore, and sometimes limestone ore from the circumstance of its usually occurring in that rock. The metal obtain from it is of excellent quality, and well adapted to the making of bar iron. The Antietam Furnace is in part supplied with this ore from a locality two miles above Harper's Ferry on the Potomac and Maryland side of the river, and a from a similar deposit on the Virginia Shore, about six miles above the ferry. The same ore again occurs in the northern portions of the West slope of the South mountain.

The other notable localities of iron ore within the limits of this division are on the eastern slope of Sideling-hill, beyond the Conoloway. It is there associated with Manganese.

Williamsport, situated near the confluence of the Conococheage and the Potomac, has been frequently indicated as the centre of a district, in which anthracite coal might confidently be expected to occur. The undersigned are not aware of the grounds upon which this assertion has been made. As was stated in regard to certain parts of Frederick county, there is nothing which absolutely forbids it, but neither is there any thing which in their knowledge indicates it.

The known region of anthracite, supposing it necessarily to extend from Pennsylvania through Maryland, would not be found to correspond with this portion of our state; it would rather strike farther West, between Hancock and Sideling-Hill. The undersigned have not been wanting in endeavors to impress this view upon the minds of those of their fellow citizens who seemed to take especial interest in the subject; and a confirmation of their opinion, they think, may be found in the recently reported discoveries of coal on Sleepy creek, in Virginia.