

It gives us much pleasure, to announce to you the opening of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, as far as Harper's Ferry, for trade and transportation.

This great work, now the most extensive of the kind on this side the Atlantic, long prosecuted with untiring zeal and signal ability and fidelity on the part of those immediately charged with its construction, has at length reached a point which justifies the expectation, that it will cease to be burthensome to the treasury of the state, or the individual citizens, who have embarked their capital in the enterprize; indeed, it is believed, we may calculate with confidence in receiving into the treasury, in future, from that source, a fair return for the large capital expended in its construction. Should this anticipation be realized, we shall have to acknowledge ourselves indebted to the projectors of this scheme for the possession of a work of incalculable advantage to the agriculture, commerce and manufactures of the state; and the work itself will stand a lasting monument to the liberal and enlightened policy of the state, and a perpetual blessing to ourselves and posterity.

In immediate connection with this work, and not less interesting to the state, is the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; but we regret to say that its prospects for early completion, are not at this time, so flattering as could be desired. This magnificent enterprize has been prosecuted to completion through more than an hundred miles of its course, with talents and zeal never surpassed, and in a manner to command admiration; but it has not yet reached the first great source of the immense trade, destined ultimately to be borne upon its bosom—the coal mines of Allegany; and now the available funds of the company being nearly, if not quite, exhausted, this truly great work languishes for want of pecuniary means for its further prosecution, and the millions, which have been already expended upon it, must remain unproductive, and the inexhaustible mineral wealth, which awaits its further construction, lie dormant in the earth, unless means are devised of extending to it further pecuniary aid. The hope has been long cherished, that the powerful arm and abundant resources of the Federal Government would be extended to this enterprize; than which there is certainly none more national in its character, or more interesting to