

greater portion of Kent Island, fitted by proper management, and perhaps destined by the advantages of its situation, to become at least the subsidiary of Baltimore county for the supply of the growing wants of the great part of the State: it should be covered with vegetable gardens and orchards. Wye neck, comprising Chew's island, contains soils of a lighter character, but very improvable, and naturally well adapted to the growth of Indian corn. It has already been stated that marls of various quality, and well suited to the wants of the soil occur in this division of the State. Much benefit has also been derived from the use of the sediment deposited at the heads of creeks from the washings of the hills. This *marsh-mud*, as it is termed, is not, however, equally serviceable in every locality. If produced by the washing of a sandy soil, and to be applied to one already light, it is evidently more likely to prove injurious than beneficial. On a stiff soil, such a material is demanded; whilst, on the other hand, as will be readily understood, a *mud* composed principally of clayey particles should be applied under circumstances precisely the reverse.

Talbot county, as might be expected, presents us in some portions of its territory with soils similar to those of its liminary counties. Thus the soil, in that portion of the county situated between Skipton creek and the Wye, partakes of the nature of that in Wye-neck, Queen Ann's county. The country in this direction, is likewise rolling, even hilly. East of this, extending to the Tuckahoe, the soil is much lighter, and this is generally the character of the land in the upper and eastern portions of Talbot, following the course of the Tuckahoe and Choptank as far as Bolingbroke creek, and embracing the Chapel and Bamberry districts. Some parts of these districts will, however, present, as a matter of course, exceptions to the general character of the soil as just assigned. The best, the most improved, and the most improvable lands in Talbot county, are in its lower portions, composing the necks or peninsulæ, formed by the innumerable inlets of the bay and rivers that penetrate the very centre of the county. Miles' river neck embraces a tract of land scarcely surpassed by any other in our State, in its susceptibilities for improvement.