

delay the necessary action of the Legislature, but are unwilling to close without remarking upon one happy circumstance attending the internal improvements of this country, contradistinguishing them from all others of the habitable globe.

In undertaking and prosecuting this Canal and other similiar works, calculations of profit, are based upon existing things. The quality of the Allegany Coal, for example, is known—its abundance is ascertained to be adequate to the demand of a thousand years, if it may not indeed, be fairly considered inexhaustible—The quantity to be transported on the Canal, is estimated by the population and operations of the existing population of a few cities and a limited region; and even thus calculated, we have ample assurances of vast profit on the cost of the work.—But nothing in this Country, is better proven or more certain, than, that our population doubles, in about twenty years, the trade and business increasing probably in a ratio still greater.

In twenty years, our present number of twelve millions, will be twenty five—in less than half a century, we shall number in this Republic, not less than fifty millions of souls. In our day and generation, the great channels of Trade, are found to be abundantly productive; but based upon inexhaustible supplies, and sustained by demands, geometricaly augmenting, what calculations will not fall short of the benefits and revenues, we shall provide for generations yet to come, by a provident investment of the means of the State, sufficient for the completion of the incomparable works, which it is the laudable pride of Maryland already to have undertaken; and will be her greater pride to have completed

W. T. WOOTTON, Chairman.

By order,  
W. M. STEUART, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Page, it was ordered that 111 copies of the said report be printed under the superintendance of the clerk to the joint committee

Mr. Morris from the committee on internal improvement, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act, relating to the Columbia Turnpike Road in Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties.

And the bill entitled, a supplement to the act, passed at December 1833, chapter 207, entiled an act for building a bridge over McIntosh River, in St. Mary's county, reported favorably thereon;