

are four quadrangular turrets six stories high, with obelisk roofs. There are two wings each 60 by 40 feet. On the whole, the college presents a most imposing appearance.

The reader will please to observe that there are some buildings intended for mercantile and manufacturing purposes, which remain yet to be described, and which are highly deserving of notice. But, as we have devoted the two following chapters to the consideration of all topics which relate to commerce and manufactures, we have, (to avoid repetition and to conform with the plan we have marked out,) deferred a description of the said buildings until we come to treat of those subjects with which they are more immediately connected.

Chapter VIII.—Manufactures.

Before we commence on this division of our subject, it seems to be a kind of necessity to make some allusion to the difficulties we have encountered in obtaining the requisite information, and to offer some apology for what we may have failed to accomplish. It was our particular wish to make this department of our work, as far as the nature of things would permit, *perfect*; and certainly we have spared no pains for the attainment of that object. For our original and chief design was to afford a fair and perspicuous view of the resources of our city, of which resources, the *manufactures* assuredly form a very material part. To this point we have probably devoted more care and attention than any persons who have preceded us in similar undertakings, and we should wrong ourselves to hint that our labors have been wholly ineffectual. We do not, however, pause to congratulate ourselves on what has been *done*; but we rather lament that we have fallen short of our wishes and expectations. The sources from which we were compelled to derive our knowledge of facts, appeared sometimes to be unaccountably reluctant in affording us the desired information; and, in a few instances, our enquiries were met by decided refusals. On the contrary, numbers of persons seemed to favor our design, with a liberality which did honor to their heads and hearts. To this cause, namely, the difficulty, (we may say the *impossibility*.) of obtaining correct information, may be attributed most of those deficiencies which we fear are to be discovered in this sketch of the manufactures of Baltimore.

But, as it was totally out of our power to be diffusive, in a work so circumscribed in limits as the present, it must be evident that those manufactures which are not of a rare or extensive nature could not receive any thing more, at farthest, than a casual notice in this treatise. We suggest this fact, that no person may conceive himself slighted by an omission which circumstances rendered unavoidable. Having premised this much, we now pro-

