

MOUNTAINS.—In the western extremity, where the state is very narrow, it is very mountainous, being crossed by the various ridges of the Alleghany. The Blue mountain, and the South mountain, the most eastern of the range, cross the state some distance above Frederick.

SWAMPS.—Maryland divides the Cyprus Swamp with the state of Delaware. It is twelve miles long from north to south, and six miles wide, containing nearly an area of 50,000 acres. It is a high level bason situate upon the ridge between the Chesapeake and Atlantic, and contains a great variety of plants, trees, wild beasts and reptiles.

MINERALOGY.—Iron ore of excellent quality, is plenty in many parts of the state, furnishing materials for a number of iron works. Coppras and Alum are manufactured on the Maggothy river, near the Chesapeake bay; coal abounds in the western district.

FACE OF THE COUNTRY.—The lands upon the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake, are low and level, and in some places covered with stagnant water. On the Western Shore, the largest proportion of the land between the bay and the first falls of the rivers, has been pronounced level, and free from stones; but it is intersected in many directions by hills of considerable elevation. From the first falls to the Blue Ridge, the country becomes more uneven, then hilly, and finally mountainous. Proceeding westward, it continues of the latter description;