

fast. Kentucky paper is afloat to the amount of between three and four millions. Specie is now seventy per cent. in advance of this paper, that is, for a dollar and seventy cents paper you can purchase one dollar in specie. The last Kentucky Legislature took no step to fortify its credit; but, on the contrary, ordered the bank to issue a million more than they had judged it prudent or expedient to do!!! The State of Ohio has wonderfully improved in her currency. Her *sham* banks are prostrate, and specie is the currency of the State. Her business and credit are fast reviving, and I predict she will leave Kentucky a long distance in the rear in every quality that gives credit and respectability to a State. Her population, by the last census, (recently taken,) is five hundred and eighty-one thousand. Kentucky five hundred and sixty-four thousand, of whom one hundred and thirty or one hundred and forty thousand are slaves. The population of Indiana one hundred and forty-seven thousand six hundred. Ten years ago the actual enumeration of Indiana was twenty-five thousand. Congress, after a long conflict, have recently fixed the ratio of representation on the basis of the new census at forty thousand free whites for one representative. This ratio increases the present House of Representatives to the number of two hundred and twelve. Another great conflict is now going on in Congress between the friends and enemies of an uniform system of bankrupt law throughout the Union. I fear this bill will not pass. \* \* \* \*

“ Our harvest was abundant and good, excepting the wheat, which was injured by the rains. I never knew provisions cheaper than they were last winter. The best beef and pork were bought here for a dollar and fifty cents per hundred weight.”