

plants, shoot up almost spontaneously from the soil; the mulberry of the forest feeds the silk worm; and the spacious grazing lands, the sheep. Thus may the raw materials, with little care and toil, be furnished, not only to protect, but to adorn the human body. The numerous beds of iron ore, the lead mines, and the extensive salt petre caves, hold out to the citizens the natural means of securing the independence and of defending the liberties of their country.

The liberal policy of the general government has provided funds, from the sale of public lands, to facilitate a communication from the seaboard, through the interior of each new state; and have already, in pursuance of their design, nearly completed a public highway, from the seat of the national government, as far as the Ohio. This great national work, of digging down the high rugged hills, and filling up the vallies, while it remains a proud monument to after ages of the wise policy, bold design, and skilful achievement of the American people, will strengthen the bond of union which connects the eastern with the western states.

Our national council have not been unmindful of the most efficacious means of perpetuating our civilization, having provided a permanent fund for the education of youth, by granting to the inhabitants of each township, consisting of six miles square, a sixth part, that is 640 acres. And they have intended the effect of their patriotic motives, in the next generation, by granting to the people of each township two entire townships, that is 45,680 acres, for the purpose of endowing public seminaries of learning with competent funds for instruction.