

This Country will always be obliged to import
by far the greater portion of the Sugar used by
Business. The Stock in Baltimore on the

Dry Goods - As I have been obliged to
remark in former Reports it is quite
impossible to obtain any statistics on
this branch of trade - The great
financial panic which preceded
the War swept away a great many
of the Houses engaged in this business,
and the loss of their Southern Customers
seriously affected the operations of
those who still stood firm at the
beginning of 1861 - Direct Importations
have almost entirely ceased, and the
stocks have been replenished from other
Cities - No Merchant requires to be told
that it is useless to expect success to follow
such a system as this, and if Baltimore
desires to attain the position she ought
to hold her Dry-Goods Merchants must
avail themselves of the direct Steam
Communication with Liverpool they
now possess, and, cutting loose from
Middlemen, must transact their
business with the Manufacturers
themselves -

The City of Baltimore, by the Census of
1850, contained 212,418, and the whole
State of Maryland, 587,049, Inhabitants -
Of this latter number 83,942 were
Free Coloured, and 87,159, were Slaves.
While it may be doubtful whether
the deaths occasioned by the War
have not counterbalanced the natural
increase of population in the Country