

And 38,410,985 pounds - Remains to the
was the labor employed in the lower Counties
on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay, where
the tobacco is grown, was almost exclusively
that of slaves - in the other portions of the
State it was of a mixed character - The
tobacco planters are complaining very
much of the scarcity of labor, most of
their old hands having left them - They
have to depend almost entirely on -
Colored laborers, the tobacco lands
being as a rule very unhealthy - They
are now paying about \$9 a month,
with rations - In the upper portions
of the State where labor is of a mixed
character as to color \$12 & \$13 a month,
with rations, is paid -

Coal holds the first place in importance
amongst the Mineral products of the
State of Maryland - There are three
distinct fields, or basins - The first - in
fact the only one at present worked - is
the Potomac, or Cumberland, Coal
field - It is some 50 miles long, by
from 5 to 9, miles broad, with an average
thickness of 14 feet - The coal is of
excellent ^{quality}, being very free from gas, and
admirably adapted for making
steam - The second region, at
present unworked, is the Meadows
Mountain Coal field, with an area

depth, to render its working a profitable
business -