

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 10th, 1842.

Read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement, and ordered to be printed.

COMMUNICATION

FROM THE

President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,

TO THE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND,

In reply to their order of the 1st Jan. 1842,

**CALLING FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE AFFAIRS OF THE
COMPANY, AND THE SUM REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CANAL**

TO

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COMMUNICATION.

OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL COMPANY,
Frederick, Jan. 7, 1842.

*To the Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Delegates of Maryland:*

Sir,—I yesterday received the order of the House of Delegates passed on the 1st inst., calling upon the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to report to the House of Delegates “at as early a day as possible, what progress has been made during the year 1841, towards the completion of said Canal, what amount of State Bonds have been sold or hypothecated by said Company in the year 1841, to whom sold or hypothecated, and at what price or prices—what disposition has been made of the bonds authorised to be issued by an act passed at December session 1840, ch. 30; if said bonds remain unsold, what efforts have been made to realize the money for the same, what price or prices the Company have been offered for them, what amount of State bonds the Company hold that are not hypothecated?”

“Also report what the debts and liabilities of the Company are, also to ascertain from the chief Engineer under oath what amount of money will be required to complete the Canal to Cumberland, what has been the amount of tolls collected during the last twelve months, what was the amount of income above the expenditures, what number of officers, agents and engineers were in the employ of said company when the said President took charge of the company, what are the number of officers, agents and engineers, that are now in the employ of said company—what extra allowance, if any, has been given or permitted to be given to those employed, and to whom given, and what are the salaries of the different officers?”

Immediately upon the receipt of the order, the distinct inquiries appertaining to matters immediately under charge of the clerk, chief engineer and treasurer were respectively referred to them, and I have the honor herewith to communicate their several reports, which embrace answers to all the interrogatories contained in the order. It will be perceived that the corps of engineers was increased in April last. This increase was made in order to enable

the company to comply promptly with the 8th section of the act of 1841, chap. 30, which was passed on the 5th day of said month, so soon as the act should become operative, of which the company at that time, entertained no doubt. A careful, complete and particular survey and estimate of the entire unfinished portion of the canal was ordered by the board on the 13th of April, immediately after coming into office, for the purpose of determining the amount necessary to complete the work. The result of the admeasurement and estimate will be seen in the answer of the chief engineer to the interrogatories referred to him and contained in his report which is herewith communicated.

The company derived no aid whatever under the act of March session 1841, chap. 30. That act failed to take effect, in consequence of the inability of the coal and iron companies of Allegany, to give to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, satisfactory bonds and security for a compliance on their part, with the conditions contained in the 10th and 12th sections of said act. The companies in question had every disposition to comply with the conditions required of them; and tendered their corporate bonds together with liens on their possessions, as the undersigned is informed, but as the incumbrances on them were large, the treasurer, for reasons set forth in his recent annual report to the Legislature, did not deem the security adequate, and therefore refused to accept them. The consequence was, that by the express provisions of the sections referred to, the act of 1841, for the completion of the Canal to Cumberland became wholly inoperative, and the Canal Company failed to obtain that aid which the Legislature had so munificently provided.

The undersigned deems it his duty in this connexion again most earnestly to invite the attention of the Legislature to the condition of the Canal Company, which exists now, only by the fostering aid and protection of the State. If in March last the necessities of the company and the interests of the State, commanded the aid intended by the act referred to, which became inoperative by circumstances not contemplated by the framers of the law, how much more strongly does the subject now address itself to favorable consideration. So long as the Canal remains in its present unfinished condition, it will continue to hang like a mill stone upon the pecuniary resources of Maryland; but when completed to Cumberland, as it now can be for the comparatively small sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars, it will not only cease to be a burthen to the State; but become a source of increasing and inexhaustible revenue. The subject has ceased to be a question of Internal Improvement, and now lies at the foundation of the financial system of our State. The undersigned is aware of the difficulty of procuring funds sufficient for the completion of the canal in the present unexampled condition of State securities, but trusts, that the wisdom of the Legislature will devise ways and means to meet the question, relying with confidence

upon the work when completed, for an ample and speedy remuneration, of any advances that may now be made.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board,

M. C. SPRIGG, *President.*

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL CO.

Frederick City, Jan. 7th, 1842.

To the President and Directors

of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company:

Gentlemen,—In fulfilment of your order of this date “that the Treasurer report forthwith,

1st. “What amount of State Bonds have been sold or hypothecated by the company in the year 1841, to whom sold or hypothecated and at what price or prices?

2nd. “What disposition hath been made of the Bonds authorized to be issued by an act passed at December sess. 1840, ch. 30; if said Bonds remain unsold, state what efforts have been made to realize the money for the same—what price or prices the company have been offered for the same?

3rd. “What amount of State Bonds the company hold, that are not hypothecated?

4th. “What are the debts and liabilities of the company?

5th. “What has been the amount of tolls collected during the last twelve months?

6th. “What was the amount of the income above the expenditure?”

I report—

1st. That no bonds of the State of Maryland have been sold or hypothecated by the company in the year 1841.

2nd. That no bonds have been issued to the company under the act of December session 1840, ch. 30—that act having become inoperative in consequence of the non fulfilment of its conditions precedent, by the parties to whom it applied.

3rd. That there remain yet unissued by the Commissioner of Loans, bonds to the amount of £475 stg. to which the company is entitled under chaps. 386 and 396 of session, 18 .

4th. The debts and liabilities of the company on the 1st December 1841, amount, as far as can be determined, to the sum of \$1,400,931.97.

5th. That the amount of tolls which have accrued in the year ending 30th November 1841, may be estimated at the sum of \$52,500.

6th. That the amount of monies which passed into the treasury in the same period, was - - - - \$695,849 10
and the amount paid out therefrom - - - - \$690,418 73

Very Respectfully,

Your most obedient Servant,

ROBT. BARNHARD, Treasurer.

CANAL OFFICE,
 Frederick, January 7th, 1842.

To the President and Directors
 of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Gentlemen,—I am required by your order of this date to “report forthwith to the board”—

“1st. What progress has been made during the year 1841, towards the completion of the canal.”

“2nd. What amount of money will be required to complete the canal to Cumberland, the same to be verified by the oath of the chief engineer.”

1st. Assuming \$6000, for the amount of work done in December 1841, (which has not yet been estimated, but which cannot vary much from this sum) and the work done on the 1st of January 1842, on the fifty miles of unfinished canal between Dam No. 6 and Cumberland, amounted to \$2,845,864. The work done on the first of January 1841, (see chief engineer’s report of February 15th 1841) amounted to \$2,614,757. The difference between these two sums, viz: \$231,107, is the amount of work done during the year 1841, on the fifty miles of unfinished canal.

2nd. The amount of money required to complete the fifty miles of unfinished canal on the 1st of January 1842, was 1,591,136, To this sum \$100,000 should be added, in case the composite plan should not be adopted for nine of the remaining locks, and certain other minor changes in the plan if the work should not be made, as explained in my report to the board of the 20th December 1841.

It can hardly be necessary for me to state that the present estimate, like all the preceding ones, does not include any allowance for interest, but is confined exclusively to the cost of the construction of the canal. The details of the present estimate are all given in my report of December 20th 1841, now before the board.

Respectfully submitted,
 CHARLES B. FISK, Chief Engineer.

State of Maryland, Frederick County, to wit:

On this 7th day of January 1842, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the county and State aforesaid, personally appears Charles B. Fisk, chief Engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelij of Amighty God, that according to the best of his judgment and belief, the sum of one million five hundred and ninety one thousand one hundred and thirty-six dollars, will be required to complete the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, upon the plan detailed in his report of the 20th of December 1841, above referred to, and that that sum of current money will be sufficient for the purpose.

Sworn before MICHAEL BALTZELL.

CANAL OFFICE,
Frederick, January 7th, 1842.

Gentlemen,—

In response to your order of this day, requiring that the clerk report forthwith to the Board—

1st. What number of officers, agents and engineers were in the employ of the company when the present president took charge of the company?

2nd. What number of officers, agents and engineers are now in the employ of the company and what are their respective salaries?

3rd. What extra allowance if any has been given or promised to be given to those employed, and to whom?

I respectfully, submit the accompanying papers marked A. and B. as reply to the 1st and 2nd branches of this order.

To the 3rd I reply, that no extra allowance has been given or promised to any officer, agent or engineer employed.

Very respectfully,

Yours obediently,

THOS. TURNER,

Clerk Ches. & Ohio Canal Co.

To the President and Directors of the Ches. & Ohio Canal Co.

A.

List of Officers, Engineers and Agents in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, on the 2nd day of April 1841, with the compensation paid to each annually.

Francis Thomas, President,	- - -	\$3,000
Dr. W. Tyler,	} Directors—\$4 per day—not to exceed \$300 per year ea.	1,800
Jacob Markell,		
John McPherson,		
R. P. Dunlop,		
J. Swan, and		
W. Lucas,		
Thomas Turner, clerk,	- - -	1,800
Edward Shriver, assistant do.,	- - -	1,000
Ezra Houck, Collector General of Tolls,	- - -	1,000
Samuel Tyler, Treasurer and accountant,	- - -	1,400
Albert Maybury, Messenger,	- - -	200
		<hr/> \$10,200 <hr/>
Elwood Morris, Chief Engineer,	- - -	4,000
Henry M. Dungan, assistant do.,	- - -	1,200
Tho. L. Patterson, do. do.,	- - -	1,200
Jacob L. Schnebly, rodman,	- - -	540
Benjamin F. Brannan, do.,	- - -	540
Two chain and axe men,	- - -	730
Samuel M. Semmes, commissioner,	- - -	1,000
		<hr/> \$9,210 <hr/>
John Y. Young, Superintendent 1st Division,		800
Wm. O'Neale, " 2nd do.		800
J. D. Grove, " 3rd do.		800
Joseph Hollman, " 4th do.		800
Benjamin F. Mackall, Collector at Georgetown,		800
P. McGaughan, " Point of Rocks,		300
Wm. Mc. Kepler, " Williamsport,		400
Arthur Blackwell, " Hancock,		400
John Hilton, Keeper of Lock B.	- - -	50
J. O'Riley, do. 1, 2, 3 & 4,	- - -	500
T. B. Offutt, do. 5, and Guard Lock,		250
J. Dalzell, do. 6,	- - -	150
M. Hart, do. 7,	- - -	150
Levi Barrett, do. 8,	- - -	150
O. Crawford, do. 9 & 10,	- - -	200
W. Burgess, do. 11,	- - -	150
Frederick Metts, do. 12, 13 & 14,	- - -	250
Hez. Metts, do. 15 & 16,	- - -	276
W. H. Henderson, do. 17 & 18,	- - -	276
D. Collins, do. 19 & 20,	- - -	200
R. C. Fields, do. 21,	- - -	150

List of Officers, &c., continued.

J. Fields,	Keeper of Lock	22,	-	-	150
W. H. Hammontree,	do.	23, and Guard Lock,			200
Ch. H. Shanks,	do.	24,	-	-	150
A. Aud,	do.	25, and outlet,			250
J. Fitch,	do.	26,	-	-	150
T. Walter,	do.	27,	-	-	150
J. Davis,	do.	28,	-	-	150
J. Walter,	do.	29,	-	-	175
W. Kuhn,	do.	30,	-	-	100
D. Harrison,	do.	31,	-	-	175
A. W. Jones,	do.	32,	-	-	175
W. S. Elgin	do.	33, and Collector,			300
J. Crowley,	do.	34,	-	-	175
W. McKay,	do.	35, 36 & Guard,	-		300
Jo. Kerchevell,	do.	37,	-	-	150
G. Hughes,	do.	38, and outlet,	-		200
Jos. Gwyn,	do.	39,	-	-	150
A. McCoy,	do.	40,	-	-	150
L. R. Shaw,	do.	Guard Lock No. 4,			150
Henry Boyd,	do.	41 & 42,	-		200
Mich. Crisman,	do.	43,	-	-	150
Jos. Hollman	do.	44, Water power,			
Jacob Motter,	do.	Guard Lock No. 5,			150
J. Herbert,	do.	45 & 46,	-		200
D. Brewer,	do.	47, 48, 49 & 50,	-		300
Upt. Rowland,	do.	51 & 52,	-		200
H. Connor,	do.	53,	-	-	150
Th. Fleming,	do.	Guard Lock No. 6,			175
					\$12,777

SUMMARY.

President, Directors and clerks, (\$300 each director)	\$10,200
Engineers, Rodmen, Axemen and Commissioner,	9,210
Superintendents, Collectors and Lock Keepers,	12,777
	\$32,187
Total,	\$32,187

Canal Office, Frederick, Jan. 7th, 1842.

THOS. TURNER,
Clerk Ch. & Ohio Canal Co.

B.

List of Officers, Engineers and Agents in the service of the Canal Company on the 1st day of January 1842, with the rate of compensation paid to each, annually.

Michael C. Sprigg, President,	-	-	-	\$1,000	00
J. M. Coale,	}	Directors	\$4 per day, not to exceed \$300 each per year.	1,800	00
T. Tilghman,					
J. O. Wharton,					
J. R. Dall,					
J. P. Ingle,					
D. Burkhart,					
Thomas Turner, Clerk and Superintendent of Tolls,				1,500	00
Robert Barnard, Treasurer and Accountant,				1,200	00
				\$5,500	00
Charles B. Fisk, Chief Engineer,	-	-	-	3,000	00
J. A. Byers, Assistant do.	-	-	-	1,100	00
C. H. Randolph, do. do.	-	-	-	1,100	00
H. M. Dungan, do. do.	-	-	-	1,100	00
T. L. Patterson, do. do.	-	-	-	1,100	00
T. Gore, Rodman,	-	-	-	500	00
J. L. Schnebly, do.	-	-	-	500	00
J. Buchanan, Jr. do.	-	-	-	500	00
W. H. Bryan, do.	-	-	-	500	00
R. L. Ross, do.	-	-	-	360	00
4 Axemen,	-	-	-	1,110	00
Morgan Snevely, Sup't at Tunnel, and Axe man at \$1.50 per day,	-	-	-	547	50
Samuel M. Semmes, Commissioner,	-	-	-	200	00
				\$12,717	50
J. Y. Young, Superintendent 1st Division,	-	-	-	700	00
W. S. Elgin, do. 2nd do.	-	-	-	700	00
G. W. Rodgers do. 3rd do.	-	-	-	700	00
J. G. Stone, do. 4th do.	-	-	-	700	00
Benj. N. Mackall, Collector at Georgetown,	-	-	-	600	00
H. Jamieson, do. Point of Rocks,	-	-	-	200	00
Eli Slake, do. Williamsport,	-	-	-	300	00
A. Blackwell, do. Hancock,	-	-	-	300	00
J. B. Hilton, Keeper of Lock B.	-	-	-	50	00
J. O'Riley, do. 1, 2, 3 & 4,	-	-	-	600	00
T. B. Offutt, do. 5, and Guard Lock,	-	-	-	250	00
James Dalzell, do. 6,	-	-	-	150	00
M. Hurt, do. 7,	-	-	-	150	00
L. Barrett, do. 8,	-	-	-	150	00
O. Crawford, do. 9 and 10,	-	-	-	200	00

List of Officers, &c. continued.

W. Burgess, Keeper of Lock 11,	-	-	150 00
F. Metts, do.	12, 13 & 14,	-	250 00
H. Metts, do.	15 & 16	-	276 00
W. H. Henderson, do.	17 & 18,	-	276 00
D. Collins, do.	19 & 20,	-	200 00
R. C. Fields, do.	21, -	-	150 00
J. Fields, do.	22,	-	150 00
W. H. Hammontree, do.	23, and Guard,	-	200 00
C. H. Shanks, do.	24,	-	150 00
A. Aud, do.	25, and outlet,	-	250 00
J. Fitch, do.	26,	-	150 00
T. Walter, do.	27,	-	150 00
J. Davis, do.	28,	-	150 00
J. Walter, do.	29,	-	175 00
D. Harrison, do.	31,	-	175 00
W. Kuhn, do.	30,	-	100 00
A. W. Jones, do.	32,	-	175 00
W. J. Elgin, do.	33, and Collector,	-	300 00
J. Crowley, do.	34,	-	175 00
W. McKay, do.	35, 36, and Guard,	-	300 00
J. Kerchevell, do.	37,	-	150 00
G. Hughes, do.	38, and outlet,	-	200 00
Jos. Gwyn, do.	39,	-	150 00
Andrew McKoy, do.	Lock No. 40,	-	150 00
L. R. Shaw, do.	Guard Lock No. 4,	-	150 00
H. Boyd, do.	41 & 42,	-	200 00
Michael Crisman, do.	43,	-	150 00
Jos. Hollman, do.	44 use of waterpower,	-	
Jac. Motter, do.	45 & 46,	-	200 00
J. Herbert, do.	47, 48, 49, 50,	-	300 00
D. Brewer, do.	51 & 52,	-	200 00
Upton Rowland, do.	53,	-	150 00
Thos. Fleming, do.	Guard Lock No. 6,	-	175 00
			<u>\$11,977 00</u>

SUMMARY.

President, Directors and clerks, (\$300 to each director)	\$5,500 00
Engineers, Rodmen, Axemen and Commissioner,	12,717 50
Superintendents, Collectors and Lock keepers,	11,977 00
Total,	<u>\$30,194 50</u>

Canal Office, Frederick, Jan. 7, 1842.

THOS. TURNER,
Clerk Ches. & Ohio Canal Co.

