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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
February, 10th, 1843.

Read and ordered to be printed.

R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT,

ENCLOSING A

Communication from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.

In obedience to an Order of the House, 23rd Jan.

COMMUNICATION.

OFFICE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL CO.

Frederick, Feb. 7th, 1843.

To the Hon. WM. V. BUSKIRK,

*Chairman of the Committee of Internal Improvement
of the House of Delegates, Md.*

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd ult., on yesterday, enclosing a series of resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates on the 16th same month, embracing certain inquiries, which you request me “to answer so far as concerns the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.”

In reply, I beg leave to state, that the information called for by the first, second, and fifth orders, so far as relates to this company, down to Dec. 1, 1839, will be found in two reports from the Committee of Internal Improvements to the House of Delegates—the one being Document KK. and the other LL.—of December session 1839. Since that period no agent has been employed, or authorised to be employed to render service to the company by attending during the past sessions—nor has this company employed any such to attend this present session of the General Assembly.

During the last winter two members of the Board of Directors, at the request of the Board, attended at Annapolis for several weeks, to furnish such information as might be needed to mature a Bill for the completion of the Canal; and their necessary expenses were paid therefor, to the amount of one hundred dollars each; but no extra compensation was asked or allowed them. I believe, though I have no official information on the subject, that a like request was made this year of some of the Directors by the Board, that, if they could conveniently do so, they would attend at Annapolis, for a few days, for a similar purpose; it being understood that their necessary expenses should be paid by this company.

By reference to paper marked B, accompanying this letter, it will be seen what amount has been paid to "legal counsel" by this company since December 1, 1839, being, with a few exceptions, for services rendered prior to that date, and for services, without exception, in prosecuting or defending suits in which this company was concerned, or in obtaining condemnation of land for its purposes, under its charter.

By order of the 4th of March, 1840, it was agreed that W. Price, Esq., should receive two hundred dollars for services rendered this company in a suit against it in Washington county, Maryland, by William Grove; the suit involving important principles, as concerned the company. That sum has now been paid.

On April 13th, 1842, the Board agreed to accept drafts upon this company from J. Mason Campbell and David Stewart, Esq'srs., each for \$50, payable 12 months from date, for services rendered this company in a suit against it in Baltimore by Jacob Albert, relative to some stock negotiation, sometime previous.

In addition, it is believed, that other counsel have claims against this company for services in prosecuting suits, or defending such, in which this company was or is a party, but those claims have not been presented yet, nor any compensation been agreed upon or fixed by the company.

On the 23rd of December 1841, Col. J. M. Coale, was appointed general counsel of the company—charged with supervision of all suits in which the company is or shall be concerned; the preparation of all legal papers required by the company, and giving advice whenever requisite. So far he has received no compensation, but on the 12th ultimo, his compensation was fixed at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum.

In reply to the 6th order, I beg leave to refer you to paper C, accompanying this communication, which contains in detail, what has been already communicated to your honorable House, succinctly in the papers marked D and E, accompanying the communication of the President and Directors of this company to the Governor of Maryland, bearing date December 2nd, 1842, and which has since been laid before the House of Delegates by the Governor.

The paper herewith marked C, already referred to, gives the names of each officer or agent in the employ of this company, (and of his compensation per year,) at this date—being the same in every respect, as on the 30th of November 1842, (the date of papers D and E, above referred to,) with the exception of one new lock keeper, appointed in the place of one since resigned, and also the change in the president.

Mr. Sprigg having on the 3rd December last resigned, the stockholders on that day, allowed him, in addition to his salary, "the sum of five hundred dollars, in consideration of the great reduction made in his salary as president, as a remuneration for his travelling and incidental expenses during the time the said salary was reduced."

On the same day, General W. Gibbs McNeill was elected president, with a salary of six thousand dollars, provided no part of said salary shall be paid unless funds were procured for the completion of the canal, and with the condition that he shall devote his exclusive attention to the company.

“No extra pay or additional compensation, “other than that already named in the case of the president,” has been paid or given, or contracted to be paid or given, to any agent or officer in the employ of the company.”

Believing the foregoing to be as full and specific as contemplated by the orders, and at the same time as comprehensive and accurate as I could make it.

I have the honor to remain your ob't serv't.

THOMAS TURNER,
Clerk Ches. and Ohio Canal Co.

(B.)

STATEMENT,

Exhibiting the amounts paid to, and the names of Legal Counsel, for services rendered (as also the nature of the services) to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, since December 1, 1839.

To Francis S. Key, Esq., in 1840,	\$300	} For attending and arguing case Supreme Court U. S. at suit of Jos. Smith.
“ Walter Jones, “ “	300	
“ Andrew Hunter, “ “	300	} Attending to inquisition for acquisition of bonds.
“ Fr. A. Schley, “ “	235	
“ Wm. Price, “ “	255	} Appearance in sundry suits, and attending to inq. for acq. of bonds.
“ Cl. Cox, “ 1841,	60	
“ Wm. P. Maulsby and Geo. G. Belt, Esqrs.	“ 250	} For similar services.
“ Cl. Cox, “ 1842,	156	
“ J. Thomson Mason, “	100	} Do. in D. of Col.
		} In suit of McLaughlin against this company in Circuit Court U. S. Baitimore, Maryland.
		} Fees and commission in suits for stock and agency bonds in D. C.
		} Services in sundry suits in Washington county, Maryland.

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THO. TURNER,

Clerk of Ches. and Ohio Canal Co.

*Office of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,
Frederick City, Md. Feb. 7, 1843.*

(C.)

LIST

Exhibiting the names of Officers and Agents in the service of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company on this 7th day of February 1843, and their respective compensation per annum.

William Gibbs McNeal, President,	- -	\$6,000
J. M. Coale,	} Directors,—\$4 per day whilst actually employed, not to exceed \$300 each.	
J. O. Wharton,		
T. Tilghman,		
William Price,		
D. Burkhart and J. P. Ingle,		
Thomas Turner, Clerk,	- - -	\$1,500
Robert Barnard, Treasurer,	- - -	1,200
Charles B. Fisk, Chief Engineer,	- - -	2,000
J. Y. Young,	} Superintendents, each	- - 800
W. S. Elgin,		
J. G. Stone,		
B. F. Mackall, Collector of Tolls,	- - -	600
Henry Jamison,* do.	- - -	250
W. S. Elgin, do.	- - -	300
E. Stake, do.	- - -	300
A. Blackwell, do.	- - -	300
J. B. Hilton, Lock-keeper,	- - -	50
E. O'Riley,	" - - -	600
F. Metz,	" - - -	250
J. Dalzell,	" - - -	150
James Wilburn,	" - - -	150
L. Barrett,	" - - -	150
O. S. Crawford,	" - - -	200
W. Burgess,	" - - -	150
A. Larman,	" - - -	250
H. Metz,	" - - -	276
W. W. Henderson,	" - - -	276
D. Collins,	" - - -	200
R. C. Fields,	" - - -	150
J. Fields,	" - - -	150
J. Manley,	" - - -	200
C. H. Marks,	" - - -	150
A. Aud,	" - - -	250
J. Fitch,	" - - -	150
S. Walter,	" - - -	150
J. Davis,	" - - -	150
J. Walter,	" - - -	175
D. Harrison,	" - - -	175
W. Kuhn,	" - - -	100

* NOTE—The officer of collector at Point of Rocks is abolished after the 18th of April next.

A. W. Jones,	Lock-keeper,	-	-	-	-	175
J. Crowley,	"	-	-	-	-	175
W. McKay,	"	-	-	-	-	300
J. Kirchivile,	"	-	-	-	-	150
G. Hughes,	"	-	-	-	-	200
J. Gwynn,	"	-	-	-	-	150
A. McCoy,	"	-	-	-	-	150
L. R. Shaw,	"	-	-	-	-	150
H. Boyd,	"	-	-	-	-	200
M. Crisman,	"	-	-	-	-	150
J. Hollman,	use of water power at lock, valued at					150
J. Motter,	"	-	-	-	-	150
J. Herbbert,	"	-	-	-	-	200
D. Brewer,	"	-	-	-	-	300
N. Rowland,	"	-	-	-	-	200
H. Conner,	"	-	-	-	-	150
J. Finney,	"	-	-	-	-	175

Test, THOMAS TURNER,
Clerk Ches. & Ohio Canal Co.

OFFICE CHES. & OHIO CANAL CO. FEB. 7, 1843.





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