

CERTIFICATE

ACCOMPANYING THE

REPORT OF THE MAJORITY

OF THE

Committee on Internal Improvement,

RELATIVE TO THE

CANAL AND RAIL ROAD COMPANIES.

On this 12th day of February, 1833, before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington county, personally appears James Colbert, of Joseph, aged 34 years, who, being duly sworn, on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and saith that he has been boating on the River Potomac for several years, between Harper's Ferry and Georgetown, and that the principle channel at a place called the Bull Ring, near Harper's Ferry, is entirely filled up by an embankment, built therein by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company—that by stopping that channel it is a serious injury to those concerned in the boating business.

And at the same time and place, also appears Archibald Jackson, aged 27 years, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and saith that he followed the boating business for several years, and that the principle channel, at a place called the Bull Ring, is filled by an embankment, made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, and reduces the quantity of flour they could otherwise have taken, in about one half less, in consequence of the fall of the river and strength of the current, which renders the boat unmanageable and dangerous; and, in a common state of the river, it cannot be passed in consequence of these obstructions, in throwing the boat out in the river, it takes eight hands to push an empty boat up the river, when four hands and the steers-man, do it at the same time, with a burthen of three tons, in the old course.