

tercourse with each other, whereby the people of those states may, essentially, be rendered one in feeling and identical in interest. They should be so rendered, for let them become disunited in the great concerns, which interest creates, and those ties which now connect and bind, may be lost and destroyed. The social compact would never have been entered into, if it had not become necessary that the weak should be protected from that power which ever belongs to the strong. Make the parts of a community dependent on each and affection and kind feeling will be the sure and inevitable result, disregard it, and schisms and strife and difficulties, must and will arise to disturb our quiet and interrupt our repose.

In 1828, the Canal was commenced with a fund adequate to all the purposes of a beginning; but in the opinion of none, sufficient for the completion of so great an undertaking as the connecting the Eastern and Western waters. No one could have been so weak in thought or in calculation as to believe that without a liberal support, the scheme could ever be effected. It was of immediate concern to some of the states of this Union; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, were directly, and the whole of the western states eventually interested. This city, the Metropolis of the Union is, also materially and directly concerned, and upon its success, her resources and credit have been risked. In the same adventure the corporations of Alexandria and George Town, and the citizens of the district have liberally embarked their means and placed their hopes.

The stock subscribed was 38,584 shares of one hundred dollars each, distributed as follows:—

	<i>Shares.</i>	<i>Dollars.</i>
The United States,	10.000	1,000.000
“ State of Maryland,	5 000	500.000
“ “ Virginia,	2.500	250.000
“ Corporation of Washington,	10.000	1,000.000
“ “ Alexandria,	2.500	250.000
“ “ Georgetown,	2 500	250.000
Private subscription,	6.084	608.400
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	38.584	\$3,858.400
To which add tolls received, and which have been applied to the construction of the Canal		93.552
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Making the entire funds to be		\$3,951.952
Of the above sum there was expended up to the 1st of the present month of December, 1833		3,333.952
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