

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Internal Improvement.

The Committee on Internal Improvement, to whom the memorial of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company was referred, beg leave to report:

That they have attentively considered its subject, in connection with the state of the work, its prospects, and the interests of the people of Maryland, dependent on the completion of this truly national improvement.

It is now made to Harper's Ferry Falls, and full one half of its Eastern section, a distance of one hundred miles, from Georgetown to Williamsport, will soon be finished;—this part of the work, including the expensive portions within the District of Columbia and between the Little and Great Falls, will then have cost about \$4,000,000. The residue of the Eastern section, being about eighty-six miles, to the Coal Mines, near Cumberland, may be constructed for the sum of \$2,000,000 more.

The whole Eastern section, in length about one hundred and eighty-six miles, will, therefore, cost about \$6,000,000. And it is confidently believed, that if the Government of Maryland shall continue to show a lively desire to have this Canal completed, and shall manifest a willingness to extend further aid towards the work, the Government of the United States will appropriate such additional funds as may