

MEMORIAL

Of a Convention of Citizens of the States of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and of the District of Columbia, asking further aid of Congress for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

*To the Hon. the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States, in Congress assembled:*

The memorial of the undersigned, on behalf of a convention of citizens of the States of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and of the District of Columbia,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That said convention was called into existence by the spontaneous expression of the earnest desire and anxiety felt by their constituents that means should be devised and executed, by which the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company might be relieved from the embarrassments under which it now labors, and be enabled to extend and complete their great work in conformity with its original design. This movement was prompted by no other motive than a pervading sense that such measures would subserve every individual interest, and must be in accordance with the most enlarged and liberal views of the public good. This convention represents the interests and wishes of thirty distinct counties and cities, containing a population of at least a million and a half of citizens of this Union; and its proceedings have been marked with a unanimity of feeling and of opinion rarely equaled, and never surpassed, in any similar body of men. Those who have appointed their delegates on this occasion pursue occupations of the most diversified character, and entertain political opinions not less various; yet, upon this occasion, none of those discrepancies of interest or opinion have operated to disturb the harmony of our proceedings, or to divert our minds from the one great object of all our thoughts. We all concur in believing the great work the interests of which we desire to promote, to be indissolubly connected with the prosperity of those whom we immediately represent, and equally so with that of the entire Union.