

of the several States immediately interested in the work.

In the memorial to Congress from the committee of which Richard S. Coxe, Esq. was Chairman, it is stated "that the means and resources of the original parties of this scheme being confessedly inadequate to its completion, we are compelled to approach your honorable body with an earnest request for prompt and efficient aid." It also remarks, in another place, "when we reflect upon the present condition of the company, with its resources exhausted; and upon the situation of the stockholders, with their means crippled; and their consequent inability, without further aid, to reach the rich harvest which is now ready for them to gather, we feel the absolute necessity for prompt and efficient assistance."

In the memorial authorized by that Convention to be presented to the Legislature of Virginia, prepared by a committee of which the honorable John J. Allen was chairman, we find the following remark: "that their constituents having learned that the funds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal [Company] were exhausted, and that the work must stop, unless some aid could be speedily obtained, delegated them," &c. It also adds, "unless assistance is obtained either by the subscription of original stock or through the medium of loans, the further prosecution of the work must, for the present, be suspended, and the canal stop short of the region from whence it was anticipated the most profitable part of the trade, on the eastern section would be derived."

In the memorial to the Legislature of Maryland, of which J. W. McCulloh, Esq. was chairman, we find it stated "that difficulties of another description, alike unforeseen and unexpected, now beset this enterprise, and threaten to arrest its progress, after four and a half millions have been applied to its construction, and when an expenditure of only two millions more would complete the eastern section."

In the memorial to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, of which W. Robinson, jr. Esq. was chairman, we find the following remark: "The funds heretofore subscribed by individual and corporate public spirit for prosecuting this splendid enterprise are well nigh exhausted. The approaching crisis in the affairs of the company which has