

Trimble's report, his opinions or views—we will gladly and promptly acknowledge the error, when made apparent to us by others, or discovered by ourselves. The subject is an interesting one—one, about which, if we have incorrect notions, we wish to get rid of them, and to substitute in their stead, truth.

As we have frequent occasion, in our answers, to refer to Mr. Trimble's and our own reports, heretofore published, upon our respective surveys and examinations, we will remark, that two reports by us, and one by Mr. Trimble, are in print, viz: The first, in order of time, is by us, and is of date July 26th, 1836. The second is likewise by us, and is dated March 3d, 1837, but was not communicated to the Governor and Council until March 9th, or perhaps the 10th. The third, by Mr. Trimble, dated March, 1837, (day of the month not given,) was, we believe, made public not earlier than the last of March.

We would also observe, for a better understanding of the subject, in anticipation of the full and explicit statement of the same facts in the course of our answers, that prior to our report of July 26th, 1836, we made all the field examinations, and all the calculations necessary to enable us to reach a correct conclusion upon the practicability or impracticability of the several northern routes, (that is, admitting that we were to be guided by our own judgment, or what the experience of similar works, elsewhere, teaches,) that, agreeing in opinion, we made our joint report on the day mentioned; and that upon this report being submitted to them, the Governor and Council pronounced the several northern routes impracticable with due supply of water.

That nearly two months after this decision of the Governor and Council, viz: on the 22d of September, 1836, Mr. Trimble was appointed by the city of Baltimore, to make examinations, &c.—and that immediately upon his going into the field, our parties were withdrawn.

Our reasons for continuing the surveys after the 26th of July, 1836, and for discontinuing them upon Mr. Trimble's commencing his examinations, will appear in our answers.

When we refer to "our report," we are to be understood as meaning the one of March 9th, 1837, as that embraces all the facts, opinions and details of our first report—and when we speak of Mr. Trimble's report, we refer to his of March, 1837.

1st Interrogatory—Were you not appointed under the act of 1836, chap. 395, to survey the different routes for a canal, to ascertain the most northern practicable route from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Baltimore?

Answer—Yes. One of us was appointed by the Governor and Council—the other by the Maryland Canal Company.

2d Interrogatory—Are you not the authors of the report which accompanies these interrogatories?

Answer—We are.

3d Interrogatory—Have you not examined the Indiana and Westminister routes of a canal, to connect the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal