

for these, than the cost of canal and mole exclusive of lockage.

We have examined the shore of the Potomac at the market in Georgetown, and from thence up to the Little Falls; and we do not see how a basin of any size and magnitude can be formed along the shore of the river without a very great expense; and when done would be very inconvenient.

If the city of Washington wishes to participate in the trade of the canal, upon equal grounds with her neighbors, there is no so good plan can be projected with so little expense as the carrying the canal to Rock creek, and thence to the Tiler.

Believing as we do, that to follow the words and spirit of the charter of Maryland and Virginia, to give all possible advantages to a continuation of the canal to Baltimore or elsewhere, through the District of Columbia, a high level as far eastward as possible, was proper and right, we never had a doubt of the propriety of bringing the highest possible level from the head of the Little Falls to Georgetown, and there locking down into Rock creek—keeping the level of the water at the head of the Little Falls as near to Rock creek as possible, in order to its continuance on the same level to Baltimore or to the Navy Yard, either of which projects are of great importance, and probably will be executed before many years.

We might recapitulate many other reasons which have been advanced, to show that this plan is the best and most advantageous to the stockholders and to the community at large, but we defer it.

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