

he transportation of the persons selected, from their homes to their destination. A provision of this nature seems to be required because generally of the extreme indigence of the parents, or immediate friends of those selected to furnish them.

Under Resolution No. 48 of the last session, I appointed John N. Watkins, Esquire, to prepare and superintend through the press, an Index of the Laws and Resolutions from December session 1832, to December Session 1837, inclusive. The work has been completed, and two hundred and fifty copies have been deposited in the State Library, subject to the disposal of the Legislature.

By the 9th of the series of Resolutions, No. 26 of the last session, relative to the loan negotiated by virtue of the act of December Session 1835, for the promotion of Internal Improvement, I was authorised to direct a survey to be made of the rout from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to the city of Baltimore, by the valleys of the Monocacy and Patapsco, and the route diverging from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, at the mouth of Seneca River, to the said city, exclusively within the limits of this State, with the view of ascertaining whether it was practicable for the Maryland Canal Company to construct a Canal by either of said routes. In the month of June last, with the assent and approbation of the Honorable Joel R. Poinsett, Secretary of War, I invited Lt. Col. J. J. Abert, of the United States Corps of Topographical Engineers, to take charge of those surveys, believing that the high character he sustained for personal integrity, and his reputation, as an able Engineer, would make his appointment acceptable to all the parties interested, and would be a sure guaranty of the impartiality, accuracy and ability, with which the duties would be discharged. Col. Abert has been occupied during the summer in conducting these surveys, and on Monday last, he forwarded to the State Department, a report and map, containing the results of his laborious reseaches, which are herewith submitted, (being Document marked H.) Want of time has prevented me from devoting to this report, the consideration which is so eminently due to it. It clearly sustains the opinion, heretofore given, that a Canal on either the Linganore or Seneca route, was impracticable, with a due supply of water. But a new route has been discovered and surveyed, about nine miles south of the Seneca route, passing the ridges there in vicinity of Brookville, and one hundred and twenty feet lower than the Seneca route, which, in consequence of the greater depression of its summit level, justifies the opinion that it is practicable in reference to due supply of water. The estimated cost of a Canal by this route, will be hereafter submitted by Col. Abert.

Under Resolution No. 16, of December Session 1832, I subscribed for one hundred and fifty copies of the "Statutory Testamentary Law," compiled by the Honorable Judge Clement Dorsey, and in the month of August last, that gentleman caused that number of copies to be deposited in the State Library. Upon receiving a certificate of the fact from the librarian, in compliance with the direction contained in the Resolution, I ordered a warrant to be drawn on the