

On the 12th of January, an order was adopted by the House of Delegates, requiring the "committee on internal improvements to request the chief engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to report to this House, under oath, what amount of money will probably be required to complete said canal to Cumberland, and also the probable time necessary to finish said canal as aforesaid."

The chief engineer has, according to the above requisition of the House of Delegates, given this subject a full examination, and has reported under oath, his answer to the foregoing interrogatories. His communication is herewith submitted, marked E.

Your committee will make no comments upon the matters herewith submitted to the consideration of the Legislature, further than to express a hope, that they will receive that consideration from members, which the respectable sources from whence they emanate and the great importance of the subject to which they relate, demand.

In the course of a very short time, your committee propose to submit their views fully, in regard to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and to make such recommendations for the action of the House of Delegates as may be deemed proper and wise.

At present, they propose nothing more than to submit to the consideration of the House of Delegates the accompanying documents, as important in enabling members to come to correct conclusions upon the subjects relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. THOMSON MASON, Chairman.