

Ordered, that the compensation of the chief engineer, be reduced to the rate of four thousand dollars per annum, from the first day of February next.

Ordered, that William H. Bryan, now acting as the clerk of the chief engineer, be appointed commissioner of the canal company, from and after the first day of February next, and that he perform the duties of clerk to the chief engineer, as well as those of the commissioner.

Ordered, that the compensation now paid to M. C. Sprigg, as commissioner, be continued to be paid to him until the first day of March next, to afford him time to settle up his accounts and to perform other duties heretofore imposed upon him by the orders of the Board.

Ordered, that the compensation to be paid to the four superintendents of the canal below dam No. 6, shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars each, from the first day of February next, and that none of the superintendents be allowed to act as lock keepers.

*September 16th, 1840.*

The Board having taken into consideration the condition of the work on the line of the canal, and the policy of reducing the number of officers in the employment of the company, it was ordered, that from and after the 25th instant, there should be but one division of the canal, extending from dam No. 6 to Cumberland, and that Ellwood Morris act as principal assistant engineer, Henry M. Dungan and Thomas H. Patterson assistant engineers, and Benjamin F. Brannan and Jacob L. Schnively as rodmen, and that such number, not exceeding two, be appointed axemen, when their services are required; and that the services of all other principal assistants and assistant engineers, rodmen and axemen, now in the employ of the company, be dispensed with, from and after the said 25th instant.

It was ordered, that Wm O'Neill be appointed superintendent of the 2nd division of the canal, from and after the first day of October next, in place of William S. Elgin, and that the President be authorized to appoint some one lock keeper at lock No. now kept by said Elgin.

*September 26th, 1840.*

The President stated, that since the last meeting of the Board, he had been on the line of the canal, and that after making particular enquiries, as to the condition of the works now under contract, he had formed the opinion, that a further reduction of the number of officers, in the employment of the company, could be made with advantage to the interest of the stockholders.

Two aqueducts, one culvert, five locks, fifteen sections, the tunnel and deep cut, and a dam at Cumberland are the only works