



REPORT.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

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Mr. Legrand submitted the following report of the minority of the Committee on Internal improvements, on the subject of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

The undersigned, one of the committee on internal improvements to whom, among other matters, was entrusted the subject of the investigation of the affairs and condition of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, has, in conjunction with the other members of the committee, diligently applied himself to the investigation, with a view of ascertaining the precise condition of the affairs of that company. The necessarily short time allowed for that purpose, has been improved, so as to afford to the House, as clear and distinct a statement of the matter, as possible.

The undersigned regrets, that he has been unable to concur with the majority, in the correctness of the conclusions to which they have arrived. In the course of this report, he will endeavor to establish, and, he hopes satisfactorily to the House, that the majority have formed erroneous opinions as to the character of the acts of the present President and Directors, and attributed to them consequences for which they are wholly irresponsible; and that many of the subjects of just complaint against the company, are owing to circumstances, which the present board have had no agency in creating.

Before proceeding to do so, it is thought not improper to glance at the condition of things, when this State changed her policy in the year 1828, and to review some of the means, which have from time to time, been employed to induce, on the