

TESTIMONY OF MR. BRYAN.

LEESBURG, Va., 2d February 1841.

Edward A. Lynch, Esq.,

Chairman Committee Internal Improvements.

SIR:—I enclose my reply to your interrogatory relating to my removal from the office of Commissioner of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

I hope the statements of the facts I have made will be considered sufficient, though I have made no direct answer to the interrogatory.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. BRYAN.

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SIR:—The following interrogatory having been addressed to me, viz: Do you, or do you not know the cause of your removal from the office of Commissioner of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company? And if yea, what was the cause. State fully any conversation you may have had with Mr. Thomas in relation to your giving bonds, and the time when such conversation was held. I respectfully reply—

That for some time after receiving the appointment of commissioner, my time was so much taken up with the duties of the commissioners office and those devolving upon me in the chief engineer, as to prevent my leaving Cumberland to provide the bond required by the regulations of the company, and as I could not do so without visiting Virginia, the board ordered that the bond be dispensed with until after the payments that were then shortly to be made.

Some days before the time for paying off the estimates of work done in March, I repaired to Washington and to Virginia to prepare and offer to the board, the bond that was required, but I found that I would not have time to obtain the number of securities that I wished to have, to lessen the responsibility of each, without delaying the payments spoken of, and intended to propose to the board to allow of my delaying the matter for