

in consequence of the insufficiency of the amount of money realised from the monthly payments in bonds under the contract, the cost has proved much greater than they anticipated, and they find themselves now on the eve of the completion of the canal, without funds sufficient to discharge the debt which they have incurred in its accomplishment.

Having devoted four or five years of their time to this object, and having applied to it all the proceeds of the bonds which have been issued, and pledged to it those of the bonds which remain to be issued under the contract, and having also pledged all their own means to the cost of the completion of the work, your memorialists respectfully beg that you will authorise the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company to issue additional bonds to such an amount as will secure your memorialists from loss on this account, or that you will in some other manner which may be deemed more expedient, render them such assistance as will enable them to discharge the debts which they have been compelled to incur in the construction of this work.

Your memorialists beg leave respectfully to refer your Honorable Body to the trustees, Messrs. Davis, Hale and Allen, above mentioned and to the Chief Engineer of the company for testimonials as to the manner in which they have discharged the duties which have devolved upon them under their contract with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and as in duty bound they will ever pray.

JAMES HUNTER,
THOS. G. HARRIS.

Cumberland, Feb. 14, 1850.

