

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland:*

The undersigned John Davis, of Worcester in Massachusetts, Horatio Allen of the City of New York, and Nathan Hale, of Boston in Massachusetts, in aid of the memorial of James Hunter and Thomas G. Harris, contractors for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, from Dam No. 6 to Cumberland, respectfully present the following statement.

On the 29th of September, 1847, a certain indenture of three parts was made and executed by and between the said Hunter and Harris, with William B. Thompson, of the first part, (they being at that time bound by a contract made some time previously, with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, for the completion of the said canal, and to receive payment therefor in the bonds of the said company,) David Henshaw, James Brown, and other responsible parties who engaged to purchase at a stipulated price, a certain amount of the said bonds as they should be issued in payments under the said contract, of the second part, and John Davis, Horatio Allen and Nathan Hale of the third part. By the said indenture the undersigned parties of the third part, were constituted the agents and attorneys of the said parties of the first part, for carrying into execution the said contract for the completion of the canal, and trustees for them and for the parties of the second part, with authority to receive all the bonds which should be issued in pursuance of the contract, and to dispose of the same and the proceeds thereof, according to the terms of said indenture.

The undersigned in discharging the duties of the said trust, and previously while engaged in investigation in relation to said contract at the request of parties interested therein, have become fully informed of the conditions of the contract, and the nature of the work stipulated to be done, as well as the manner in which the work has been prosecuted, and they beg leave to submit to your Honorable Body the following statement of the agency of the said petitioners therein.

By the act of the General Assembly of 1844, chapter 281, entitled, "an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland and for other purposes," the said canal company were authorised, on certain conditions, to issue bonds for the completion of the canal to an amount not exceeding \$1,700,000, with the privilege of a prior lien upon all the revenues and