

But, in making the appropriation, the Board calculated that a considerable portion of the coupons intended to be paid were lost, and that others holding them would probably not present them until after the spring trade opened, and furnished sufficient funds to meet them.

And besides, the amount of money required for repairs proved to be a good deal larger than we expected it would have been when the appropriation was made, This was owing to a break in the bank of the Canal, and the bad condition of some of the masonry, and the necessity of drawing out the channel of the Canal at many places along the line.

Very truly yours, &c.,

J. H. GORDON,

*President Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.*

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion by Mr. Malone, it was

Ordered, That the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company be requested to inform the Senate whether the guarantee of 195,000 tons of tonnage per year, on an average of years for five years, dating from the end of six months after the completion of the Canal to Cumberland, and the opening of navigation to that point in 1851, as provided by section 3, of the Act of 1844, chapter 281, was ever given, and if given as required by said section, whether the same was ever enforced, or attempted to be enforced, and what loss of revenue was sustained by said Company in consequence of the non-enforcement of such guarantee.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company :

*To the Honorable the Senate of Maryland :*

GENTLEMEN—I beg leave respectfully to state that a large number of original papers belonging to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company have been filed with your Special Committee in the case of Alfred Spates, and knowing the pressing nature of your Committees and others connected with your body about the close of your session, I beg leave to request that an order may be passed directing that those papers may be returned to the Canal Company as soon as they can be dispensed with.

I also beg leave respectfully to request that a copy of the report of said Committee, and also a copy of all the testimony taken, and other proceedings had by them, should be fur-