

efficiency, the canal and navigation works hereby demised, and also the canal and navigation works of the Tide-Water Canal Company; and from time to time, and at all times, indemnify and save harmless the party of the first part from all liabilities, damages, claims and suits by reason of anything done or omitted in the premises by the party of the second part."

I am assured that the lessee has kept this covenant; that it has maintained the Susquehanna Canal in public use and in good order and condition, and is prepared to transport over it all the freight which may be offered to it for that purpose.

Unfortunately, however, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has withdrawn from the Susquehanna Canal all the coal tonnage which that company formerly sent south over the Susquehanna Canal, and which for a number of years constituted its chief business.

This coal tonnage, instead of being transported over the canal, is now loaded at Columbia into cars and sent to its destination by rail.

Under these circumstances, I do not see that any steps can be taken to compel by law the exemption of transportation upon the canal. But I shall give the matter further consideration and do whatever I lawfully and properly can to bring about such a desirable result.

Very respectfully,

JOHN P. POE,

Attorney General.

Which was read, and ordered spread on the Journal.

Mr. Gaver presented a petition from Geo. P. Rienhart, and 47 other citizens of the town of Walkersville, in Frederick county, praying for the passage of an Act to incorporate said town.

Which was read, and referred to the Frederick County Delegation.

Mr. Leonard presented a petition from J. W. Trout and 52 other citizens of Talbot county, against the repeal of the local option law and against high license.

Which was read, and referred to the Talbot County Delegation.