

Your memorialist, on consultation with intelligent and influential citizens of Baltimore, begs leave to supplement the foregoing memorial.

He is advised that by a Constitutional provision, no sale or transfer of the interest held by the State in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal can be legally consummated, until the same shall have been sanctioned by deliberate assent of two successive Legislatures. As the present Legislature holds over two for years, all action on the subject of improving the canal in manner proposed, must necessarily be suspended till another Legislature is elected and can take action in that behalf.

To avoid this loss of time, your memorialist will suggest that your Honorable Body shall, in the high interests of the people of the State, undertake the execution of this important work on State account. No sound reasoning prohibits such a policy. No actual increase of the public debt is involved in the measure. Not one cent of additional taxation will be required. The State in endorsing these canal bonds, and putting them on the market to raise the money for completion of the work, will take the place herein allotted to the Construction Company, and will save to the people of Maryland, the large profits that otherwise will pass into the hands of that Company

Your memorialist submits that the liabilities of the State as endorser in such event, would be apparent only, and purely nominal. He claims that the argument embraced in in this paper, to show the sufficiency of the canal to meet these bonds, when it shall have been perfected in its navigation, and extended to the harbor of Baltimore, with fitting railroad connections, reaching up to the coal fields, is a conclusive and perfect demonstration of the safety with which the State may enter upon the enterprize.

In conclusion, your memorialists will add that such an arrangement will be more satisfactory, as it will save a large pecuniary amount to the State, out of which his own remuneration can be more speedily obtained.

With every respect,

A. J. MARSHALL.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19th, 1876.

*Gentlemen.*—I have prepared a memorial to the Legislature of Maryland, in which I urge the improvement and enlargement of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on the new plan or method, which I have heretofore submitted to your examination and judgment.

In consequence of the fact that I have not yet perfected my