

completing the Canal to Cumberland, which is now before your honorable body. By the direction of the President, the Chief Engineer has also been here to give such information as may be wanted in relation to his department, and it is expected that he will be again here next week for the same purpose. With these exceptions, if indeed we come within the scope of the enquiry, no other "officer or agent of the Company has been or is expected to be in Annapolis during the present session *on the business of the Company.*" For a statement of the officers and agents in the service of the Company on the 1st of January, 1844, and also their respective annual compensation, I respectfully refer you to Document Z of the last session, page 12 and 13. As regards the "travelling on the Canal free of charge," I have only to say, that the Canal Company are not carriers themselves, nor are there at present any boats for the transportation of passengers on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

The officers and agents in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company since the 1st January, 1842, do not materially differ from the statement of the 1st January, 1844, with the exception of the President of the Company; but in order to comply fully with the wishes of the House, I have transmitted an order to the Clerk of the Company, to forward to me a list embracing the whole time specified in the order, which will be communicated as soon as it is received.

I would also beg leave here to state, that the Treasurer and Accountant of the Company has been busily engaged in preparing a statement in conformity with the order of the 21st of January, relating to the sale and identification of the bonds issued by this State to the Company, but has not yet been able to complete it. As soon as received it will be presented.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant,

J. M. COALE, President
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Co

Which was read and referred to the select committee appointed on the subject of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Mr. Fitzpatrick presented the memorial of J. R. Annan, H. Bruce, and 23 other citizens of Allegany county, asking the legislature to permit the banks of Maryland, to issue small notes of less denomination than five dollars;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Harrison presented the petition of John Brown, and twenty-seven other citizens of Queen Anne's county, for the passage of a law more effectually to secure to the owners of slaves in their right of property, and to prevent their absconding through the aid and interference of free negroes going out and coming into this State, and to repeal the 1st section of the act of 1831, chapter 323; and

Mr. Boteler presented the memorial of one hundred and one citizens of Washington and Frederick counties, in favor of allowing James Winter a free negro, to become a resident of this State;