

required by the charter of the Annapolis and Potomac Canal Company, we procured the services of George W. Hughes, Esquire, one of the United States' Corps of Engineers in making the necessary surveys for the route of said canal. Mr Hughes, in a communication to us, dated the 8th ult, states, "that the surveys and *location* of the canal are drawing to a close, and, with favorable weather, will be entirely completed by the last of next week."— We have not since received any further communication from Mr. Hughes, but presume his final report of the surveys, &c will be made without unnecessary delay. In connexion with this subject, we lay before you a copy of a communication from Mr. Hughes, and of the extracts of proceedings of the commissioners, and of the President and Directors of the Maryland Canal Company, enclosed and mentioned in his communication marked No. 3.

In pursuance of the authority conferred on us by the 8th section of the act, passed at the Extra Session in May last, entitled, "An act for the promotion of internal improvement," we appointed Charles B. Fisk, Esquire, of the United States' Corps of Engineers, to survey the several routes of the Maryland Canal Company, by the valleys of the Monocacy and Patapsco, or by a route diverging from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, at the mouth of the Seneca river, exclusively within the limits of this State, and to perform the other duties prescribed by the said act." And the Maryland Canal Company, also, in pursuance of the authority conferred by the act aforesaid, appointed George W. Hughes, Esquire, another of the Engineers of the United States Corps, "to act concurrently with the Engineer appointed by us" in making said surveys, &c. as appears from a communication from the President of said Company, a copy of which is herewith submitted, marked No. 4.

On the 20th day of July last, the aforesaid Engineers made to us the report, of which the document herewith sent, marked No. 5, is a copy. Upon consideration whereof, and in pursuance of the requisitions of the aforesaid act, we adopted the preamble and resolutions, of which the document marked No. 6 is a copy.

The agreement of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, in general meetings of said Corporations respective-