

the United States Government, and the Government of Pennsylvania, and other States interested in the improvement, shall cause the Western section of the Canal to be constructed from Pittsburg, along the Yohogany, to Smithfield, on the National Road—which place is only 39 miles distant from Cumberland? Or, at furtherest, so soon as the middle section of this Canal shall be constructed, which, doubtless, will be done by the present generation?

By the United States Board of Engineers, the tolls derivable from this Canal, if completed, have been estimated at 5½ millions of dollars.*

In our calculations, the tolls derivable annually on the tonnage employed in trade, arising east of the Allegany, is estimated at \$845,000—if the trade with the Western country shall yield as much, the whole would be \$1,690,000—a sum equal to the interest on \$28,000,000.

And with such prospects before us, as our own estimates present, shall we hesitate to prosecute a work of which so large a part is nearly finished? If it were yet to be commenced, your Committee would advise you to begin the work; but circumstanced as it is, they most earnestly beseech you, *at least to assist*, to finish it promptly to Cumberland.

The bright and successful example of the "Empire State," should cheer us onward in this course. Another of our sister States, Pennsylvania, has followed; indeed, we may say, *has outstript* her in that brilliant career, *by subduing greater difficulties*, and constructing works over *these* of much greater extent, and at a cost exceeding \$22,000,000.† Her line of communication between Philadelphia and Pittsburg,

* Vide their report dated 23d Oct. 1826, or page 221 of the connected view of the whole internal navigation of the United States.

† Ohio too, has made her works of internal improvement at a cost of \$6,000,000, for which she has issued her stock, or used her credit. Thither the tide of emigration steadily flows, and people from almost every direction flock there, and quit their native States—the debt of her Government notwithstanding.