

Your committee believe that, should the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal be finished to Cumberland and cost \$6,000,000, it would soon pay the interest, and in a few years afterwards, by natural and necessary increase, discharge the principal of any debt contracted for that work. Standing on such facts, your committee cannot consider it extravagant to believe that Maryland may look forward to the receipt at no distant period, of a large surplus revenue from her interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; *Provided* she helps to finish it or causes merely its eastern section to be completed—and therefore they herewith report a bill, in furtherance of that object.

The life of man is short, and the time is not distant when those who make this report, will have passed away; but some of us may live to see our most sanguine expectations more than realized from this good work, which after the lapse of ages, shall bear testimony to the genius, industry and intelligence of this generation and its great projector, the Father of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SNOWDEN, JR.

Your committee beg leave to add that they have received a written communication from the Hon. John H. Eaton, President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, on this subject, which it appears to them well deserves the consideration of the house, and they, therefore, beg leave herewith to submit the same.