

line to Cacapon is in active progress. The location by Mr. Fisk (who has been termed, in a correspondence appended to the report, a *young engineer*.) was adopted by the board; after a most careful and deliberate examination, and when fully satisfied that the greater security of the work and ultimate economy in the construction would result from it, and that the estimates of Mr. Cruger were by far too low. We respectfully refer the Legislature to the able testimony of Mr. Fisk before the investigating committee on this subject, and can entertain no doubt but that every candid mind will come to the conclusions which influenced the board. This engineer (who, although not *very old*, has been for a number of years in the service of the company, and stands second to no man, either in professional science or integrity of character.) made a very able report to the board upon this location, and assigned reasons so satisfactory and conclusive as to leave no doubt on the mind of a single director as to the propriety of adopting his plans.

In conclusion, the undersigned would respectfully represent, that, in the event of a failure at this session to have provision made for the completion of the canal to Cumberland, the board will feel under the necessity of suspending the tunnel at the Pawpaw Bends, and the deep cut at Old Town. These require a longer time to construct than any other portion of the canal, and their suspension necessarily must delay the early completion of the work. In the mean time; the company is paying a heavy interest to the State, when short of the point of revenue, and all the great interests connected with us are prostrate. Another circumstance, greatly to be regretted, will attend such a result: those contractors who are engaged on the many works above mentioned, and in whose skill and character we have the utmost confidence, will be lost to us, as they would make engagements elsewhere.

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Com of the Board of the C & O. C. Co.

Annapolis, May 27, 1836.