

of present and of future generations, the study of the engineer, and a certain source of profit, if persevered in—shall be extended to the coal region, as contemplated by the State.

It is well known, that one of the great objects of our efforts, that in which the State of Maryland is so deeply interested, is to open to the immense treasures of coal in the vicinity of Cumberland, the market of the Atlantic. And it is equally well known, that no canal, whatever may have been its cost, which has connected itself with an extensive coal region, has ever failed of being a source of vast profit to its stockholders, and of diffusing the greatest benefits to society. We feel the utmost confidence that this experience will not find an exception in the present work. This part of the subject, however, is to be found so ably treated in the papers which have been heretofore submitted to your honorable bodies, that we will not repeat it. We will simply assure you of our entire conviction in the opinion now expressed, and of our unshaken confidence that the further aid which the Legislature may think proper to extend towards us, will soon be found among the most profitable investments of the State.

Having now stated, with the utmost candor and conciseness, the facts and considerations which appeared to us essential to a correct understanding of the condition of the affairs of this Company, we have only to add, that any additional statements in more detail which your honorable bodies may require, will be furnished with cheerfulness and without delay.

Signed on behalf of the President and Directors.

G. C. WASHINGTON,

President Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Co.

Office of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Co.
Washington, January 27, 1836.