

believe will be the case, their opinions must remain unchanged. They will, if there be any necessity for doing so, not fail to present more fully their views in regard to any thing that may not have been sufficiently explained in this report. The undersigned know there are extant among the great mass of the works of inland navigation throughout this country, facts sufficient to convince the minds of all, who have intelligence to reason or to comprehend the reasoning of others, that a canal across Parr's ridge is totally impracticable. Unfortunately the great amount of practical information scattered throughout our country, has never been collected in such a form as to render it easily or extensively applicable. Much too of the experience of the country is of recent date, and is to be learned only by personal inspection. No pains will be spared by the undersigned to collect, if need be, any additional information that may be drawn from the various works of our country, however remote they may be situated from the sphere of their ordinary duties, that may be rendered applicable to the case under consideration. For their own minds, however, nothing more is necessary to be added to that which has been done, and if more information should be offered hereafter, it will be to remove doubts, to correct misapprehensions, to combat erroneous opinions, or to explain some points on which they have not been sufficiently explicit.

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