

To His Excellency,

THOMAS W. VEAZEY, Governor, and
The Honorable, the Council of Maryland,

I have the honor to transmit herewith detailed abstracts of the tolls received, and the expenditures made for repairs, on the National Road under my charge, for the year ending the 1st of October, 1837, together with the vouchers and a general account current as settled and approved by the Honorable the Judges of Allegany County Court. By reference to these papers it will be seen that the tolls received in the past year, with the balance on hand as stated in my last report amounts to \$9,745 90; and that the expenditures for repairs &c. during the same time have been \$9 660 51, leaving a balance on hand on the 1st of October 1837, of \$85 39.

The repairs during the past year have been heavy and expensive. Many portions of the road, particularly on that part called the "bar location," have required an entire new covering of metal. Due attention has also been given to the drains and the formation of the road-bed, and at this time the whole is in good order.

The balance of money not required for immediate repairs has from time to time, as favourable opportunities occur for having the work done at a moderate cost, been expended in preparing broken stone to meet sudden emergencies in the spring, and other seasons of the year when roads most require attention. The stone so prepared has been placed along the sides of the road; and is sufficient with what has lately been put on, to cover at least nine miles of road.

The paved part of the road through the town of Cumberland having given way in many places, and it being ascertained that the renewal of the pavement would be attended with too much expense, a covering of McAdamised stone has been placed upon the whole, which at a comparatively moderate cost has put the street in excellent condition. The repairs of this part hereafter on the plan now adopted will be attended with less difficulty and diminished expense.

To sustain the road throughout in its present good condition, the rates of tolls as now established, so far as a judgment can be formed, appear sufficient.

I am still of the opinion that the changes in the law, as recommended in my last annual report, to which I respectfully direct your attention, would prove salutary and useful. I had intended also to call your attention to the necessity of erecting guard posts or fences along the dangerous slopes and precipices, for the greater security and safety of the travel; but I find the National Legislature still looking to this great work with parental care, has taken the subject into consideration, and it is hoped that by its munificent aid the object will be speedily and permanently effected. Should Congress fail however to make the necessary provision the subject is one which will claim the attention of the State, deeply interested as she is in the advancement of every thing which tends to preserve this as the great thoroughfare to the West. All of which is respectfully submitted.

TH. SHRIVER, Superintendent

Cumberland, Dec. 1st, 1837.