

*Copies of Letters from Charles B. Fisk, Engineer, to the Hon. M. C. Sprigg, Chairman of the Com. on Internal Improvement.*

WASHINGTON, March 22d, 1838.

Dear Sir,—In looking over the rough copy of Mr. Hughes' and my own evidence before the Committee on Internal Improvement, I find that the following correction should be made, to express accurately our views in regard to twin locks.

May I ask the favour to have the following erased, viz: "and the time required to do the same, 1st filling or emptying one half the lock and after that the remaining half, and in each case, with the head of water of but one half the lift, diminishing in like manner as before;" and to substitute therefor the following:—"and the time required to do the same, with the full head *diminishing to nothing, in the filling or emptying of the first half of the lock*, and after that, then, the remaining half being filled or emptied as at present." This was the idea we intended to convey. The language used by us in the testimony you have, does not express our meaning.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES B. FISK.

Hon. M. C. SPRIGG,

Chairman of the Com. on Int. Imp.

WASHINGTON, March 23d, 1838.

To Hon. M. C. SPRIGG,

Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvement.

Sir,—In the closing remarks of Mr. Hughes and myself in evidence before the Committee, we intended to have added the following, viz:—"We will add but one further remark; the surveys and calculations of Mr. Trimble that shew a sufficiency of water on the Seneca route, do not enter into the examination and consideration of the supply of water needed for the lower portions of the canal not dependent on the summit, though he makes a general remark in his report that would lead one to infer, that in his opinion there will be no difficulty in obtaining a sufficiency of water along the whole line. With all due deference we would assure the Committee that the Seneca route will be beset with difficulties, in regard to water, from the point of its departure from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal at the mouth of Seneca, to its junction with Dr. Howard's line from Georgetown to Baltimore. We consider any survey and estimate imperfect that provides water for the summit only. If a sufficiency of water can be had at all on the lower portions of the Seneca Canal, we feel confident that the natural flow of the streams will not furnish it." May we ask that the above shall be appended to our evidence.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES B. FISK.