

MR. TRIMBLE'S ANSWERS TO CERTAIN INTERROGATORIES.

ANNAPOLIS, March, 1838.

Answers to Interrogatories to J. Trimble on the subject of the Maryland Canal.

1st. Yes; I was appointed by a commission of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

2d. Yes, I am the author of the report made under the appointment referred to in previous question.

3d. I have examined the routes referred to, and have pronounced a canal by them impracticable; I respectfully refer to my report on this subject.

4th. I made a continuous survey from the valley of the Patuxent river at the crossing of the Washington Turnpike, to the Potomac at mouth of Seneca. The facts in relation to the remainder of the route from the valley of the Patuxent to Baltimore, were obtained from surveys made by Doctor William Howard, of Baltimore, and by Jonathan Knight, with reference to the rail road to Washington. I made in person a general reconnoissance of the route, and examined that portion of it between the head of Patuxent river and Seneca with great minuteness—causing also several lines to be traced across the summit.

5th. I am not. The route has not been specifically referred to, or described in any report I have seen. I am inclined to think it never was surveyed or examined particularly.

6th. For these results I beg leave to refer to my report on the subject.

7th. On the Westminster route, I did not make an actual survey of the outline of the basin for drainage—the area of this basin was computed from facts, obtained from Brigg's survey and others. I did cause a survey of the outlines of the basins for drainage on the Linganore route and the Seneca route, the former by tracing lines round its margin, and the latter by cross lines, establishing its length and breadth in various directions.

8th. I did locate them. In my opinion few sections of country present better sites for reservoirs generally. I think there will be no extraordinary difficulty or expense in obtaining the necessary number of suitable and sufficient reservoirs.

9th. It is—I derived the information from personal inspection.