

Department, a report and sketch, containing the results of his laborious researches, which are herewith submitted (being Document marked H.). Want of time has prevented me from decanting to this report the conclusion which is so eminently due to it. It clearly sustains the opinion heretofore given, that a canal, on either the Singamon or Seneca route, is impracticable with a due supply of water. But a new route has been discovered and surveyed, about nine miles south of the Seneca route, passing the ridges in the vicinity of Brookville, and on the whole not twenty feet lower than the Seneca route, which, in consequence of the greater depression of its summit level, justifies the opinion that it is practicable in reference to a due supply of water. The estimated cost of a canal by this route will be hereafter submitted by Col. Abert.

Under Resolution No 16 of December Session 1832 I submitted before hundred and fifty copies of the "Statutory Testamentary Law" compiled by the Honorable Judge Clement Dorsey, and in the month of August last, that gentleman caused that number of copies to be deposited in the State Library. Upon receiving a certificate of the fact from the Librarian, in compliance with the direction contained in the Resolution, I caused a warrant to be drawn on the Treasury for the Western Shore for nine hundred dollars in payment thereof.

I herewith lay before you a communication from Thomas Thibodeaux Esquire, late Superintendent of the National Road (Document marked K.) transmitting detailed abstracts of the tolls received, and expenditures made on the National Road from the 1st of October 1837 to the 19th of May 1838, the day on which he ceased to be Superintendent; also a communication from James Galloway Esquire (Document marked L.) covering Resolutions of the Commercial Convention, which sat at Augusta, Georgia in the month of October last, recommending certain measures for the promotion of inland trade between the Southern States and Foreign Countries; also a communication from the Governor of Georgia (Document marked M) forwarding Resolutions of the Legislature of that State upon the subject of the refusal of the Executive of chains to be loaned up to the Executive authority of Georgia certain fugitives from justice, who had committed felony by stealing and carrying beyond the limits of the State, slaves, the property of citizens of Georgia; also a communication (Document marked N) from Major Genl. Erasmus P. Gaines of the United States Army forwarding a Diagram of his system of Rail Roads, as connected with the National Routes; also a communication from the Council of Finance, moving on the 11th of April, (Document marked O,) proposing an increase of the amount relating to Charitable Institutions, in the year 1838.