

The aggregate current expenses for the year ending the 31st of December 1854 to States in the 27th Rep. Vol. Page 25, and Volume of 8th 14, 145, must have amounted to \$120,445.89 leaving a probable surplus on the current business of the year 1855 of \$10,000. which in part has been applied to the extinguishment of our past arrearages due on deposits &c, nearly all which have now been paid.

The tonnage transported on the year 1855 will exceed that of the preceding year about 50,000 tons the increase being chiefly on coal. The total quantity of Coal & coke shipped on the Canal this year will be about 200,000 tons exceeding that of the former year 150,000 tons, & is the greatest amount ever transported on the Canal in any previous year. For the first two years there has been a material decrease in the transportation of grain & grain, owing in part to short crops & partly to a diversion of the trade to other points.

The success of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal is dependent upon the coal trade from the Allegheny region & until this be developed to a much greater extent than it has yet been, we cannot anticipate any material amendments in its finances.

With one of the best constructed works in the country, capable of transporting ten fold the tonnage which has ever passed over it, & the capacity of which could be still further materially extended is required by the trade; forming an outlet to a coal region almost unwhipped with in quantity & quality, the demand for which would be limited only by the supply to be applied upon. it is a subject of great regret that it has not heretofore been rendered more available. Every effort which the Company could make & pay facility which its limited revenues would admit have been applied thus far without effecting the object desired.

New coal companies have recently been formed & contemplate improvements with a view to the transportation of coal upon the Canal for the ensuing year & if successful in the facilities which they propose for its trans-shipment to Eastern ports it is believed that the trade may be greatly extended.

The Canal Company have readily taken an ever proper management to those experiments, consisting with its own protection.

I have the honor to be  
 Very Respectfully  
 Saml. Hamilton  
 Pres. C. & O. C. Co.

Attorney General's Office  
 Dover, Delaware

To His Excellency,  
 The Governor of Maryland

Sir:

It appears by an inquiry lately returned to me by the Coroner of Kent County in this State that a certain William Sipple late of said County, came to his death on the 25th day of August last, from blows & wounds inflicted upon him