

## MEMORIAL.

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

The Memorial of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by the undersigned President and Directors thereof, respectfully represent:

That on the 23d day of June last, the undersigned were elected President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by a general meeting of the stockholders of the company, convened pursuant to notice, in the City Hall of Washington, and immediately afterwards proceeded to execute the trust reposed in them under the charter of the company, a copy of which, with the bye-laws of the company, certain rules adopted by the President and Directors for their own government, and that of their corps of engineers, and tabular statements of the contracts made for the construction of forty-eight miles of the canal, are annexed to this memorial, together with an exposition of the condition of the company's funds, down to the last return of the Treasurer.

Among the duties which the undersigned have performed in the past year, has been included that of fixing definitively the eastern termination of the canal.

In the performance of this difficult and delicate trust, it was deemed essential to the permanent validity of any decision which the President and Directors might form, that the subject should be submitted to a general meeting of the stockholders.

In preparing a question on which to take their final judgment, the President and Directors were regardful of the liberal spirit which the State of Maryland had ever manifested towards the enterprize confided to their care, and adverting to her past policy in relation to the future extension of the canal,