

ers at their present general meeting; but, although its character may be anticipated, there has not been time to complete it. *

The condition attached to the act of Pennsylvania incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, that any subscription made by the United States to the stock of the Company, should be equally divided between the eastern and western sections of the canal, gives to this survey a very great importance; since a continued delay of the Legislature of that state to relax any part of this condition, may render it necessary to make another appeal to the liberality of Congress, preparatory to a commencement of the canal, from Pittsburg towards the Allegany. A memorial on this and other topics of interest to the company, was presented to the Legislature of Pennsylvania at their last session. In this, reference was had to the prior memorial on the same subject, presented by the Central Committee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Convention. On a prayer of neither memorial, has there been, at any time, a decision known to any member of this Board.

Efforts have, in the interim, been made to assert and protect the rights of the Company to the ground over which this part of the line of the canal was conducted by the United States' Board of Internal Improvement, and by the subsequent, though yet unfinished survey of Messrs. Geddes and Roberts, made under the order of the President of the United States, at the request of many members of the House of Representatives of the nineteenth Congress.

In anticipation of the possible determination of the Stockholders, if adequate funds can be provided to commence the western section of the canal, the Board obtained for Richard Rush, esq. late Secretary of the Treasury, who was about to visit Europe, an authority, from the Commissioners empowered by the United States and the states of Virginia and Maryland, to open books of subscription to the stock of the Company, to perform the duty in their behalf, in Europe; and the Board authorized him to extend the subscription, after making up the first \$6,000,000, to the further sum of 4,000,000, in conformity with one of the earliest resolutions of the Stockholders, after the organization of the Company.

* The survey and report having been completed since this report was made, the result will be found at large in the Appendix.