

thrown in the way of the company by a rival enterprise.

From the Seneca dam to a short distance below Harper's Ferry, the canal will depend for a supply of water, on the dam to be erected at the latter place, across the Potomac, unless a feeder shall be conducted up the Monocacy, from whence this subdivision of the line might be fed, as high up as the lock next above the Point of Rocks.

It had been announced to be the intention of the Board to place such a feeder under contract in October last, but as its dimensions should depend on the application of it to purposes of navigation, it was postponed for a decision of the inhabitants of Frederick county, in Maryland, and of Franklin, Adams and York in Pennsylvania, under a late charter granted by the Legislature of the former state, to fix upon the dimensions of a canal calculated to connect the Monocacy with the Conawago, of which this feeder might be made to constitute an important part. The company would be repaid, it is believed, for its enlargement to suitable dimensions for that object, by the extension of the commerce of the main stem of the canal. A survey of the Monocacy was begun at the instance of a committee of the citizens of Frederick, by order of the Board, with a view to this object: which survey, although arrested before its completion, by the indisposition of the Engineer, to whom it was at first confided, and the pressure of other duties, ascertained beyond any doubt, the practicability of conducting, at a reasonable cost, a navigable canal from a point on the Monocacy, 29 miles above its mouth, through the city of Frederick, to the proposed feeder.

It does not form a necessary part, though the suggestion naturally occurs, at this point of this report, that a canal from Philadelphia now strikes the Susquehanna, very near the place at which one along the Conawago would enter that river; and that from a point of the former, near where it reaches the Schuylkill navigation, a canal is in contemplation, which will connect the latter river, with Easton, on the Delaware, that village already is, by the Morris canal, with the city of New York. Connected with the Monocacy this line would unite the seat of the Federal Government with the cities of New York and Philadelphia, and be for purposes of war and commerce, entirely out of the reach of a maritime foe, except at its extremities.