

tion now under consideration, was then submitted, and that, although it passed the Senate, it was rejected without a division in the House of Delegates. This resolution they beg leave to append to this report. (E)

In concluding this report, the committee have to regret the necessity which has compelled them to submit to the consideration of the stockholders the foregoing result of their examination. The substance of it has been well matured and deliberately considered; but they have been much restricted in the time that they would have desired to make a full exposition of the views which they have taken.

The committee cannot, however, refrain from expressing the great pleasure they have experienced in witnessing the manner in which the various officers of the company have performed the difficult duties that have been confided to them, many of which must necessarily have found them inexperienced and uninformed. Nor can they terminate these their labors, without tendering to the company their warm congratulations upon the manner in which this great work has so far been conducted, and the splendid consequences which they confidently anticipate will result from an enterprise so magnificent, and so interesting to the great nation of whom we compose a part, and to the corporations and individuals whose interests and prosperity are deeply implicated in the successful prosecution of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

The committee therefore beg leave in conclusion, to recommend to the stockholders, that, in pursuance to the provisions contained in the 8th section of the Charter of Incorporation, they do certify that the President and Directors have reported and rendered distinct accounts of their proceedings, and that the same are fairly and justly stated.

All which is respectfully submitted.