

Resolved, That the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, do report to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the company, at the next annual session of the Legislature, and annually thereafter, the progress they may make in constructing the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and therewith an abstract of the accounts of the company, in conformity with the ninth section of the act of the state of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company."

And the said resolution was agreed to.

Richard Rush, esq. moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the measures adopted, and already in progress, for constructing the canal on a part of the eastern section, as detailed in the first report of the President and Directors of the company, made at the general meeting of the stockholders, on the 10th inst., the stockholders perceive a highly encouraging earnest of the further and successful prosecution of this great work.

Resolved, That the thanks of the stockholders be presented to the President and Directors, for the judicious and satisfactory manner in which they have, up to this day, executed the trust confided to them by the company.

And the said resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

And the meeting adjourned sine die.

JO. GALES, jr., Chairman.

JOHN P. INGLE, Secretary.

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Washington, Oct. 9, 1828.

Sir,—A necessary absence of several weeks from this place, has prevented me from receiving, until a day or two ago, your letter of the 23d ult. enclosing for my opinion a resolution of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; and, understanding the case to be one of some urgency, I have proceeded, with the least possibly delay, to the examination of the subject.

The question which I understand to be submitted for my opinion is, whether the charter of the company confers authority to extend the eastern section of the canal to tide water at the mouth of Rock Creek, or the mouth