

ter of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, which they now seek to amend.

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President of the Chesapeake
and Ohio Canal Company.
W. SMITH,
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PETER LENOX,
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Directors.

Office of the Ch. & Oh. Ca. Co. }
Washington, Jan. 7th, 1829. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America, in Congress assembled :

The memorial of the President and Directors of the
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,

Most respectfully represents :

That they have heard with great concern that the enterprise confided to their care by the stockholders of the company, among whom they have the honor to comprehend the United States, has been represented to be, in part at least, impracticable.

Your memorialists have been informed, and believe that those representations refer to the portion of their undertaking which is expected to connect the Potomac, at or above Cumberland, with the navigable waters of the west, at Pittsburgh: and they are apprised of the assertion, that there will not be water to supply this part of the canal, and that the expense of its application, by a tunnel through the Allegany, has been exaggerated and represented to be the only means of accomplishing the great end which they are empowered to pursue.

In reply to these objections, your memorialists beg leave to refer to the message of the President of the United States, of the 7th December, 1826, to both Houses of Congress, transmitting the report of the United States' Board of Internal Improvement, concerning the practicability, the plan, and the route of the Ches-