

conveys, and asking, whether such orders have as yet been given, by them, to the engineers, designated by the chancellor of Maryland, to survey and report to him the situation of the grounds, in dispute between the two companies, along the Potomac river, as will prevent unnecessary delay in making their report to their chancellor, and also whether any orders have been given by that board, pursuant to a common understanding, created by a resolution, transmitted to this board; agreeing that a survey should be made, to serve as a basis of compromise, within certain limits on the Potomac, of the dispute subsisting between the two companies, relative to the prior right of choice of ground.

Test, Signed, JOHN P. INGLE, Clerk,
Ches. & O. C. Com.

[No. 27.]

(Referred to in the foregoing letter.)

Copy of a letter, received from an engineer, dated 3d April,
1830.

“The party assembled at the Point of Rocks, on Friday, the 18th March, and operations were commenced on the following day.—We found Mr. Knight on the ground, who left us the following day for Haper’s Ferry, to make inquiries of his party of engineers, whom he expected, he said, daily. Mr. Knight returned the following Wednesday, and left us again on the following day, for Fredericktown and Baltimore, in the event that he should not meet his party at the former place.—Not having received any communication from him, as was expected, on the succeeding Tuesday, and he not having returned by the 31st March, Mr. Roberts is prosecuting the examination under serious disadvantages, resulting from this unexpected delay.

Nearly two weeks have transpired, since the time appointed for the simultaneous co-operation of the two parties, and up to the 31st March we had heard nothing from them.

To avoid the expense and loss of time, arising from this delay on the part of the rail road company, the services of a portion of our engineers were offered Mr. Knight, to perform