

ment of many very important portions of the work. None of which items were embraced by the estimate. To these may be added the expenses and loss occasioned by an injunction of the Chancellor of Delaware, and the cost of securing additional supplies of water on the summit, by the purchase of two water powers.

On a review of the difficulties that were encountered in the progress of this work; it is not a matter of surprise, that it should have cost so large a sum, but rather that it has been accomplished at all. Commenced amid a conflict of opinion as to its locality; opposed by the cavilling of enemies, many of whom were such from interested views, or mortified feelings; retarded in its prosecution by the mandates and injunctions of the law; and, above all, passing through a region abounding in natural obstacles, which appeared almost insurmountable, that could neither be anticipated nor avoided;—the enterprise became one that required untiring energy and perseverance.

That the board have been enabled to direct it, through its various difficulties, to a successful termination, is to be ascribed to the generous confidence which has at all times been reposed in them by their constituents—to the intelligent and public spirited feelings of the community in regard to it—to the large and repeated contributions which have been made during its progress by the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware, and by the government of the Union—and to the liberal pecuniary assistance, which, when the circumstances of the work were most discouraging, and its necessities most pressing, were afforded by the citizens and public institutions of Philadelphia. For the flattering support which the President and Directors have received from these several sources, they embrace the present occasion, to express their sincerely grateful acknowledgments; and having performed the duties assigned them, and accomplished the object of their appointment, they report that the Chesapeake and Delaware canal is now in good order and successful operation.

Signed by order and on behalf of the President and Directors.

ROBERT M. LEWIS, *President.*

H. D. GILFIN, *Secretary.*

CHESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL OFFICE. }

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