

stead of causing any delay, it has deeply regretted that which has proceeded from the negligence of its opponent.

It has shewn, it is thought, fully, that the surveys sought by the canal company, and ordered by the Chancellor, resulted from the necessity of the canal company's first proving the facts upon which it relied for the right of prior choice of routes, before it could require that right to be decided upon by the Chancellor, and not from any procrastinating interference of this company. And it is believed that the efforts at any amicable adjustment of all existing differences first suggested by this company, have been prosecuted by it in the spirit of good faith and honesty with which they were commenced, and have only been defeated by the canal company's refusal to compromise further than was necessary for its own immediate and exclusive interests.

During the period embraced in the above report this company has been the object of continued attack on the part of the canal company. Official reports, pamphlets, memorials to Congress, newspaper essays, some of which have assailed even the Chancellor, and verbal declarations, have all in their turn, and reiteratedly, been used as weapons of assailment by the canal company, or its friends. Secure in the confidence of the stockholders whom they represented, the President and Directors of this company have silently, but unceasingly pursued the objects of their corporation, deeming it unnecessary to descend into the arena, and assume the weapons chosen by the canal company. The call of the Legislature however, has rendered the detail herein given, a matter of necessity; and this company has cheerfully embraced the occasion to display all the leading occurrences of its yet brief existence, rendered the more numerous by the complicated relations into which circumstances have involved it.

How far any "action of the Legislature," in the words of the chairman of the committee of Internal Improvements, may remove such difficulties, as have been herein detailed this company is not prepared to say. It would rely on this subject with more confidence, on the wisdom of your honorable body, than it could do in any suggestions of its own — The State of Maryland, as a stockholder in both companies, must no doubt observe with regret, the pending litigation; but whether the termination of this is for legislative and judicial action, the legislature and the tribunals of justice must determine.