

By reference to my report of the 1st of October last, it will be perceived, that the graduation and masonry then under operation, were estimated to cost the sum of \$121,384 13. or at the average rate of \$7001 28 a mile. By the exhibit now presented, it is shown, that the actual cost will not exceed \$112,984 28, or at the rate of \$6,515 84 per mile.

Full reliance is placed on the adequacy of the estimates now submitted of the cost of the road formation of that part of the line between the forks of the Patapsco and the Point of Rocks. By these estimates the total cost of the graduation and masonry on that distance (42 miles and 247 poles) including the bridge across the Monocacy river of three arches, of 100 feet span each, will be \$311,904 01 at the average rate of \$7,292 25 a mile.

A definitive location of the lateral road, from the main stem to this city, has not yet been effected, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The surveys, however, which I have made, satisfactorily show its practicability within a distance from three, to three and one quarter miles, and at a cost for graduation and masonry, of not more than from four to five thousand dollars a mile.

No doubt is entertained of the completion of the road formation on the entire distance from the forks of the Patapsco to the "Point of Rocks," and of the lateral road to this city, by the first day of next August. Indeed the greater proportion of it may be finished by the first day of next June, if the definitive location of those parts of the 3d and 4th divisions, not now located, can be easily effected,

Respectfully submitted,
 (Signed,) **CASPAR W. WEVER,**
 Superintendent.