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MR. PAGE, Chairman.

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REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
IN

*Reference to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.*

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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

March 14, 1839.

Read and ordered to be printed.

By order,

GEO. BREWER, Clerk.

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The Committee of Ways and Means to which was referred the communication of George C. Washington, esq. President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to his excellency the Governor of Maryland, praying further pecuniary aid from the State to complete the canal to Cumberland, beg leave to report—

That they have given to the application all the consideration which the magnitude of the subject was calculated to excite. Their deliberations induce them to present for the decision of the Legislature two cardinal propositions:

1st. Either to provide, during the present session of the Legislature, pecuniary aid to such an amount as will secure the most vigorous prosecution of this mighty enterprise to its accomplishment, which will cost, according to the *last revised estimates*, nearly three millions of dollars; or

2d. To suspend all further appropriation of money on the part of the State until the General Government and the cities of Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria will have surrendered their entire interest in this work to the State of Maryland, *on condition* that this work shall be extended to Cumberland by this State with all convenient expedition. The committee, after much deliberation, respectfully recommend the adoption of the second proposition. The confident hope is by them entertained, that the United States and the District cities will not hesitate to translate their several interests to this