

by a very large assemblage of the citizens of Allegany county, convened the next day in the Court House: the County Court having agreed to adjourn to accommodate their fellow-citizens. Chief Justice John Buchanan stated the fact, and coupled with its annunciation some eloquent and appropriate remarks commendatory of the meeting.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS,

*Adopted at a meeting held in Allegany county, Maryland, on the 18th day of October, 1834.*

‘Whereas, it appears to this meeting, that the Governments of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and the United States of America, considering the *Chesapeake and Ohio canal* a work of national importance, as well with reference to the agriculture, manufactures and commerce of these States, as the preservation of the Union in which we happily live—wisely accorded the wishes of very many of the most enlightened and patriotic citizens of the nation, by granting a charter to the company incorporated to execute that work, and furnishing capital to be expended thereon:—And whereas, it also appears, that this canal has been successfully and well constructed by that company, from tide water, along the left bank of the Potomac, 108 miles, at the cost of about four millions of dollars, which sum is but little, if any, more than its estimated expense; and that by the construction of this work, the further distance of 75 miles, which may be done at an additional cost of about one million and a half of dollars, a line of canal will be completed, from tide water to Cumberland, in the midst of a region abounding with bituminous coal, of the very best quality and inexhaustible extent—that would immediately yield, from tolls to be derived thereon, income enough to pay more than the simple interest on the whole cost of said canal;—And whereas, it also appears to us, that the rapidly increasing commerce of the *West*, proceeding along the lakes and the valleys of the Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio, by artificial ways, to and from the Atlantic cities, will at all times—and the operations of our State and National Governments will, especially in times of war, imperiously require the use of as many avenues as can be improved; and as great facilities as can be provided for the transportation of persons and things, between the western and eastern portions of the Union, and particularly along the central course of this canal; which in its whole line, will ever be free from foreign violence; and is shorter, and for a greater period, of the year is less obstructed by ice than any more northern work;—And whereas, it also appears, that the value of the vast national domain beyond the Allegany Mountains, and the large portion of the city of Washington, still owned by the nation, would be greatly enhanced by facilitating and cheapening the intercourse between the west and east; and the expenses of the United States government, and of those who administer it, would be much diminished, by the great