

two, being considered incompatible. A change has been made in the superintendants of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th divisions of the finished canal. One of them held when the change was made, the offices of collector of toll, and keeper of the inlet lock at Harper's Ferry, which appointment he holds now. No one of these superintendants was a citizen of Maryland, until they were employed on the canal. Marylanders were appointed in their stead. From the character of the times, it is right to add, that one of them was a political friend, and two of them were politically opposed to the undersigned; and that the two last referred to, took pleasure in manifesting such hostility to the President of the company, as to justify the belief, that they could not fairly and cheerfully, co-operate, in carrying out any measure, for the interest of the stockholders, having its origin with him, and calculated to do him credit.

When the office was removed from the city of Washington, two of the clerks, citizens of the District of Columbia, were superseded, in appointment, by citizens of Frederick. To the valuable offices vacated, and not abolished, viz: Commissioners, Superintendants, Chief clerk, Treasurer, assistant clerk, and Rodmen, 8 in number, 4 friends and 4 political opponents of the President and Directors have been appointed.

The undersigned adds, in candour, that he would have preferred to have made selections from his own political friends, in the instances mentioned. Being, aware, that, for the first time, since the canal company was incorporated, there is, now, in the State, a powerful combination intent upon annihilating his hard earned-reputation, for honesty and patriotism, he has desired to have, as far as practicable no principle agent to aid in the discharge of a most arduous and unprofitable office, on whose friendly designs and cordial good will he could not confidently repose. It affords him pleasure, to say, that he is well satisfied, now that the new officers of the company, last referred to, are eminently qualified for the performance of their duties, and incapable of sacrificing the vital interests of the State, as involved in the fate of the Canal company, for the gratification of unholy and unjust personal malevolence.— They have, I believe, no personal resentment towards the President of the company, springing unworthily from political differences, and if they had, I am well assured that they have too much elevation of character, to seek their indulgence at great loss to the whole State.