

leaving the works unprotected, and liable to be swept away by freshets.

We, therefore, greatly deplore the course taken by the Legislature of Maryland, on whose good faith the company relied for the measures necessary to finish the work, and meet their engagements with us. We are, therefore, of the opinion that there can be no reasonable doubt but the Legislature, if convened, would provide efficient means to keep the work in progress.

We, therefore, beg leave to call on you as the stockholders of the canal company to use your utmost influence to have the Legislature of Maryland convened with as little delay as possible.

We beg leave to assure you that we are ready to co-operate with you in any way that you might think our co-operation would be of service.

Your contractors are men belonging to both of the great political parties, and are heartily sorry that political questions should be raised in matters of such vital importance to the state, and when the general good is at stake. Your contractors have but one opinion on this subject. We, therefore, beg leave respectfully to subscribe ourselves your obedient humble servants,

Geo. G. Johnson,  
Geo. S. Marsh,  
Thos. M. Maccubbin,  
Geo. Gould,  
Peter Bargey, Jr.  
Wm. P. Sterrett,  
George Hoblitzell,

James C. Lynn,  
L. Montgomery,  
Z. Gatton,  
G. M. Watkins,  
R. N. Watkins,  
John Gorman.

Mr. Carberry also presented the memorial from William P. Sterrett and others, contractors on the line of the canal, asking the stockholders to direct the president and directors to continue the work now under contract on the canal, and to issue scrip for the payment of the monthly estimates thereon.

Mr. Carberry also presented a memorial of similar import from R. Hurley and others, merchants and citizens, residing in Cumberland, Md.

CUMBERLAND, May 18th, 1840.

*To the Stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.*

The undersigned, contractors on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, most respectfully represent, that they are aware of the embarrassed condition of the said company, and have been from time to time receiving what is commonly called acceptances of said company in payment for work of your petitioners done on said canal. Your petitioners suggest that acceptances having been given in large sums, your petitioners have experienced much difficulty in disposing of them without a great sacrifice and injury; and if the board should hereafter give acceptances in payment for work to be done, your petitioners have no doubt they would experience