

much greater difficulty and inconvenience in using them. Your petitioners, contractors as aforesaid, pray that the stockholders will and may order and direct that hereafter the said board shall issue what is commonly called scrip, which your petitioners can with ease and convenience dispose of, and prosecute their work much better than with acceptance.

Wm. P. Sterrett,
G. M. Watkins,
John Gorman,
Z. Gatton,
Thos. M. Maecubbin,
James H. Hoblitzell,
George S. Marsh,
Peter Bargey, Jr.

Geo. Hoblitzell,
Geo. G. Johnson,
John Aldridge,
Wm. Whitman,
John Moore,
L. Montgomery,
Geo. Gould.

To the Stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.

We, the undersigned, merchants and others, citizens of Cumberland, Maryland, represent that they are aware of the embarrassed condition of said company, and are fully impressed with the belief, that the further issue of what is commonly called scrip by said company, to be used in the payment of work done by the contractors on said canal, will aid in the prosecution of said work and be a matter of great convenience to the community, and more especially to the hands and laborers of said contractors. The said company having heretofore issued what we term acceptances in large sums, the contractor finds it entirely out of his power to pay those who have sums against them; and if scrip in lieu of said acceptances, could be issued, all would feel the benefit of it, and the work would be pressed more certainly to completion.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that said stockholders may direct and order that scrip may be issued by the board of directors, &c, and we ever pray, &c.

R. Hurley,
N. P. Barnes,
Thos. R. C. Martin,
Hollyday & Annan,
Jas. C. Contekon,
Wm. Taylor,
Edward Armstrong,
P. O'Neill & Co.
G. Beall,

Hoblitzell & Shryer,
J. & B. M. Blocher,
Robert Read,
Jno. M. Carleton,
W. Herd,
John Swan,
Jacob Hoover,
Jno. W. Shultz & Co.

On motion of Mr. Key, the meeting then adjourned until 12 o'clock, M. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, June 2, 1840.

According to the order of the adjournment, the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company assembled in general meeting this day, Col. Peter Force, Mayor of Washington, in the chair.