

now in progress. Of these eight sections, the culvert, five locks, and one aqueduct, are nearly completed.

In this state of the work, under contract, the President expressed the belief that all the officers in the employment of the company were not needed. He thought that the duties of the chief engineer and principal assistant, could be performed by one person, and that the services of either Mr. Fisk, or Mr. Morris, could be dispensed with.

The President respectfully recommended also, that the office of clerk to the chief engineer, should be abolished, and that the chief engineer should be directed to dispense with the services of two superintendents, so soon as sections No. 268, 274, 275, 279, 281, 312, 320 and 367 are completed, and one superintendent of masonry, when the culvert, aqueduct No. 11 and locks No. 55, 72 and 73, are finished.

Whereupon it was ordered, that Ellwood Morris be and he is hereby appointed chief engineer to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, from and after the first day of October next, with all the powers and duties now vested in and devolved on the chief engineer and principal assistant.

Resolved also, that the office of clerk to the chief engineer be abolished, and that the chief engineer out of his own salary, compensate such clerk, or clerks, as he may require.