

pose at present, but intend to supply such an estimate as an appendix hereafter, so soon as the data contained in those missing documents can be restored ;* and this appendix I shall take steps to place in your hands, on or before the 15th day of February next ; this period with the limited aid I now have upon the line, will be the earliest moment at which I shall be able satisfactorily to fulfil your orders—and that I should be compelled by untoward circumstances to delay it thus long, none can regret more deeply than myself.

Until by the estimate to which I refer, more exact information can be supplied to the Directory, I will by the aid of the 12th Annual Report, make for their information a Statement of the work done and to be done, if the estimate of my predecessor of December 1839 should prove to be correct.

Work done during all 1840, upon the 50 Miles of unfinished Canal below Cumberland.

WORK DONE.	From Jan. 1st	From May 1st	In all 1840
	to May 1st 1840	to Dec. 31st 1840	
Upon the Sections, - - - - -	\$137,060 29	\$304,166 67	\$441,226 96
Upon the Masonry, - - - - -	22,288 13	67,645 54	89,933 67
Upon all the species of work, - -	159,348 42	371,812 21	531,160 63

By this statement, derived from the actual estimates made to contractors up to January 1st, 1841, it appears that work to the amount of \$531,160 has been actually done in all 1840.

From information contained in the 12th annual report, we find that,

On the 1st of May 1840, work done on the 50 miles of unfinished Canal, amounted to	\$2,242,945
To this add, work done from May 1st 1840 up to January 1st 1841	371,812
And we have, Total work actually done upon the 50 miles up to January 1st 1841	2,614,757

*The correspondence which has been annexed to this Report by order of the Directors (which see) gives more ample information concerning the missing documents here alluded to ; the abstraction and withholding of which have delayed my estimate.