

stakes to guide the contractors, and for the want of them we shall doubtless on section No 318 be put to some extra charges, when we come to trim that work.

I am gentlemen, very respectfully and truly,

Your ob't servant,

ELLWOOD MORRIS,
Chief Engineer.

[B.]

Copy of Thomas Turner's Letter to Chas. B. Fisk. Dec. 16th, 1840.

CANAL OFFICE,

Frederick, Dec. 16th, 1840.

Dear Sir:—I am directed by the Board, to transmit to you the annexed extract from a letter received from E. Morris, Esq. chief engineer, and to ask of you such information, in relation to the papers spoken of, as within your power to give.

They are not, as far as known to me, among the papers on file in this office, and it is presumed, as they properly pertained to the engineer's office, that they never were here. They are much needed, at this time, to enable the Board to have prepared for the Legislature, about to convene, the estimates and report, which will no doubt then be required.

I have no doubt you will take pleasure in giving all information possessed by you in relation to them, and if in your power so to do, to place the Company and its officers in the way of procuring them. An early answer is desired, and will be thankfully acknowledged.

I am also directed to inquire of you information respecting a table or statement, made out under your direction, just before the sitting of the last Legislature, (by Mr. F. Coyle it is believed) giving a detailed account of the number of sections, locks, culverts, aqueducts then finished—the number then in progress of construction, the work done on them, the number still required and not contracted for, &c. &c.

You will no doubt recognise the paper from the preceding description. It is also wanted, but not to be found in this office.

Respectfully, yours,

THOS. TURNER, Cl'k.

CH. B. FISK, Esq.

The extract sent with foregoing letter, was from the letter of E. M., herewith marked No. 1, and from [A] to [B] as thereon noted.