

The *general estimate* of December 1839 and the statement referred to, I have frequently seen at the Canal Office in Washington within the last year, rolled and tied up together.

Often when in Washington heretofore, I have had occasion to borrow general estimates and other papers from the Canal Office, for reference in reporting upon some questions presented to me at the time by the Board, and requiring an answer from me while in Washington.

In this way papers from the Washington office have occasionally got among my other papers, and been taken along with them to the office in Cumberland. It is possible that this may have happened to the general estimates of December 1839. After closing this letter, (to be in time for the evening mail) I will make search for this general estimate, which if found, will be accompanied, I am confident by "the statement" rolled up in it. But in case "the statement" should not be found, a copy of it shall be sent to Frederick. (There were two prepared last winter, the original draught and the office copy.)

Should the general estimate of December 1839 be found, (and it must be in the office at Frederick, if not among the papers here,) it will furnish the information in detail sought for from the reports of the principal assistants, with the exception that the general estimate has certain corrections, additions, &c., made by me, but upon this subject I will write again by to-morrow's mail, after having searched &c.

The "statement" and general estimate, (should the latter be found) if you so direct, shall be sealed up and sent by the Frederick stage.

Yours, very respectfully,

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*Copy of Charles B. Fisk's Letter to Thomas Turner, Clerk, December 22nd, 1840.*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22d, 1840.

*Dear Sir:*—I find in my possession the original general estimate of December 1839, which must have been borrowed by me for reference while in the city, within the last year, when making out some report called for by the Board, as suggested in my letter of yesterday, but I do not find with it as I had anticipated that I should, "the statement." This last I think you will find in the office at Frederick.

I shall seal up to your address the general estimate and a copy