

so fully proved by me as those stated. These, however, are sufficient to establish the fact, that your interrogatory must be answered in the affirmative so far as it applies to the present President of the company.

Several of the gentlemen who were elected directors of the company in June, 1839, were directly opposed to the removal of officers for opinion's sake. What induced other members of the Board to yield their assent to the measures of proscription invariably brought forward, I believe, by the President, I am unable to say. Those gentlemen who thus opposed the wishes of the President on this point, were themselves displaced in the next election in June, 1840.

The subject of politics is one which, in my humble opinion, ought never to have been permitted to enter into the business or concerns of the canal company. It has blighted the fairest hopes of the friends of this great work. I suppose that none will deny that it has postponed the day of its completion already one full year.

JOHN P. INGLE.

Annapolis, Feb. 25th, 1841.

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*An additional interrogatory propounded to John P. Ingle by Mr. Le Grand, on the 22d day of February, 1841, with his answer thereto:*

*Interrogatory.*—State whether or not it was usual for Mr. Washington, the former President, on his return from Annapolis, to present bills of his expenses, and if so, whether they were allowed; and whether they were entered on the books; if not entered, why were they not? State whether or not the fees given to James W. McCulloh and others, for services rendered before the Legislature, were entered upon your books as such. If not, why were they not so entered?

*Answer.*—It was usual when Mr. Washington visited Annapolis at the request of the Board, or upon his own motion, when the business of the company required him to be there, to present to the Board an account of expenses so incurred by him, which bills being passed by the Board, were afterwards paid. Sometimes the clerk of the company was at Annapolis with the President and Directors, in which case I think he, the clerk, paid the expenses of all, and the money was repaid to him on