

## ANSWERS OF MR. BARNARD.—[1st SERIES,]

*To the several Interrogatories in chief and to the additional Interrogatories, propounded to me, by the Committee on Internal Improvements of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, I make answer and say.*

*1st Interrogatory.* What was the amount of the debts of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, on the 1st day of June 1839. — What were the means possessed by the company at that time either in cash, state bonds or other securities? How much of the means were at that time hypothecated for debts then due, and how much were at the predisposal of the President and Directors of the Company for carrying on the work, and payment of Interest to the State of Maryland?

*2nd Interrogatory.* What was the amount of debts and credits of the Canal Company on the 1st day of January 1840—and on the 1st day of June 1840?

*3rd Interrogatory.* What were the means taken to procure money to carry on the work on the Canal after the 1st June 1839.

*Answer.* Being without any of the books, papers or accounts, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company before me, I am unable to speak to the matters of account referred to in the above interrogatories,—But the reports made from time to time, verified by the signature of the clerk of the company—and laid before the Legislature, exhibited the correct views thereon at the time they respectively bear date, so far as within my knowledge.

*4th Interrogatory.* Could money have been obtained for the purposes of the Company on better terms than those adopted in the summer of 1839, either by the issue of scrip, or by the actual sale of state bonds at that time?

*Answer.* It was not my duty to provide the funds necessary for the purposes of the company, and consequently my official attention was not drawn to the subject of the terms on which money could have been obtained;—That subject more appropriately devolved upon the board, and their organ the clerk.

*5th Interrogatory.* Do you know of any sale of state bonds made in New York, by the canal company to meet the payment of protested bills of exchange drawn by the company? Had the protested bills arrived at maturity, when they were paid? What was the amount of state bonds sold, what amount was realized by the company for them, and what the amount of the protested bills paid? Were the state bonds sold the same which had been hypothecated to guarantee the payment of the bills of exchange, and do you know upon what terms and conditions, such hypothecation was made?

*6th Interrogatory.* When were the bills of exchange, mentioned in the preceding interrogatory drawn, were they drawn with or against the advice of Mr. Peabody?