

2nd. The state of insubordination and riot that for a long period existed upon the line, and to which public attention was repeatedly called.

3rd. Unexpected and unanticipated additions to the cost of the work at various points, mainly with a view to security; a change in some respects of the plans of some of the work tho't to be necessary in reference to past experience, but all of which would not have been regarded in amount as of much consideration, comparatively, had there been no increase of cost owing to other causes.

And 4th. So far as the State is concerned as connected with the present enquiry, there has been a large *apparent* increase, but which is not chargeable to the estimates from such an item, never having been embraced in them. I refer to the rapidly accumulating compound interest which the company have had to pay from the several appropriations.

In reference to the time of completion heretofore named in connection with the respective estimates, it may be said that there has not been one moment since the presenting of the earliest estimate, when available means have been in the company's hands sufficient to justify a vigorous prosecution of the several works upon the unfinished canal. There is no one of these works that with ample means, and a demand for labor elsewhere, no greater than existed at the time of making out the January 1836 estimate, which would not have been completed, supposing a state of quiet among the laborers upon the line, very nearly if not quite within the times named in the respective estimates—except the tunnel—and that contract though it would have required more time than was originally contemplated ought to have been, and might have been finished before this, upon the suppositions just made.

*Interrogatory.* Look at the report of Mr. Morris charging the abstraction of certain papers by you from the canal office, and state whether any papers were abstracted by you from the office of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company what papers they were, and whether the want of them prevented your successor from making a full report of the condition of the work under his charge to the President and Directors on the 31st Dec. 1840?

*Answer.* I would respectfully refer the committee to the copy of a correspondence between the clerk of the company and myself, consisting of his letters of the 16th and 26th, and mine