

Interrogatories for Thomas Turner, Esq., Clerk of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

1. Does the statement made out by you, showing the debts and credits of the canal company on the 1st of January 1841, accompanying the report of the President to the Governor, exhibit a fair and correct view of the finances of the company, and the deficiency of means to meet its engagements on that day? If nay, state the particulars in which it presents erroneous views, and how it happened that such errors occurred.

2. In the same report reference is made to extracts from the journal of the directors on the subject of changes and removals from office, which are to be found in the appendix:—State who prepared the extracts, whether they are fair and full in reference to such changes and removals, and why you did not certify the correctness of such extracts?

3. In appendix (A) of your report, you speak of amounts of scrip on hand, in circulation, &c., which show practical sums below five dollars—how do you explain this fact when there were no issues except those of 5, 10 and \$20.

TESTIMONY OF MR. TURNER.

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To the foregoing I answer, that so far as known to me, the statement referred to does “exhibit a fair and correct view of the finances of the company, and the deficiency of means to meet its engagements on that day.” I had not then—nor have I now—any reason to doubt its conformity, in every respect, to the facts it presents, and was intended to show. My connection with the company has been of so recent a date, that I necessarily possess no other information of its financial condition, than can be obtained from the treasurer’s books. Those which the clerk is required to keep, do not furnish such as will be apparent to the committee, by a mere inspection of them. For the accuracy of the statement I, of course, cannot vouch, beyond a reliance upon the information and statements furnish-