

line of the canal and make such arrangement with the contractors as may be in his power, for suspending the construction of such of the works as in his opinion may be delayed without serious injury to the interest of the company, and also by such other means as may be practicable to reduce the present expenditure of money.

January 22, 1840.

The President presented a letter received by him from the chairman of the committee of internal improvement of the House of Delegates of Maryland, asking for information in regard to the number of officers in the employ of the company—their salaries and the amount of extra allowance paid to them. The clerk was directed to have prepared the statements showing the information asked for, and also the statements required to enable the President of the company to answer the interrogatories propounded to him by the letter from the chairman of the committee of the Senate and the chairman of the committee of the House of Delegates of Maryland, which were laid on the table on the 15th instant.

January 29, 1840.

Osborn Crawford was appointed to be keeper of locks No. 9 and 10, from and after the 1st day of March next.

February 27, 1840.

“The President stated that William Irwin, the late collector of tolls at Williamsport had departed this life, Joseph Hellman was therefore appointed to act as collector at that place, until a regular appointment shall be made.

“Arthur Blackwell who had been acting as collector of tolls at Hancock, under a temporary appointment from the superintendent of the canal, was now appointed by the board to be collector of tolls at that place at the salary of four hundred dollars per annum, and to be paid at that rate for the time he has been acting as such.

“Wm. Martin was appointed to be keeper of lock No. 33 and the Shenandoah locks and to collect the tolls at that place from and after the 1st day of April next.”

April 3, 1840.

It was stated to the board that Joseph Caldwell, keeper of locks No. 17 and 18, had left the service of the company, William H. Henderson was then appointed to be keeper of said locks.

April 15, 1840.

Ordered, that A. B. Ward, keeper of lock No. 31, be dis