

CANAL OFFICE,
Frederick, January 7th, 1842.

To the President and Directors

of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Gentlemen,—I am required by your order of this date to “report forthwith to the board”—

“1st. What progress has been made during the year 1841, towards the completion of the canal.”

“2nd. What amount of money will be required to complete the canal to Cumberland, the same to be verified by the oath of the chief engineer.”

1st. Assuming \$6000, for the amount of work done in December 1841, (which has not yet been estimated, but which cannot vary much from this sum) and the work done on the 1st of January 1842, on the fifty miles of unfinished canal between Dam No. 6 and Cumberland, amounted to \$2,845,864. The work done on the first of January 1841, (see chief engineer’s report of February 15th 1841) amounted to \$2,614,757. The difference between these two sums, viz: \$231,107, is the amount of work done during the year 1841, on the fifty miles of unfinished canal.

2nd. The amount of money required to complete the fifty miles of unfinished canal on the 1st of January 1842, was 1,591,136, To this sum \$100,000 should be added, in case the composite plan should not be adopted for nine of the remaining locks, and certain other minor changes in the plan if the work should not be made, as explained in my report to the board of the 20th December 1841.

It can hardly be necessary for me to state that the present estimate, like all the preceding ones, does not include any allowance for interest, but is confined exclusively to the cost of the construction of the canal. The details of the present estimate are all given in my report of December 20th 1841, now before the board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. FISK, *Chief Engineer.*

State of Maryland, Frederick County, to wit:

On this 7th day of January 1842, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the county and State aforesaid, personally appears Charles B. Fisk, chief Engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelly of Amighty God, that according to the best of his judgment and belief, the sum of one million five hundred and ninety one thousand one hundred and thirty-six dollars, will be required to complete the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, upon the plan detailed in his report of the 20th of December 1841, above referred to, and that that sum of current money will be sufficient for the purpose.

Sworn before

MICHAEL BALTZELL.