

REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL CO.

Frederick, December 2nd, 1842.

To His Excellency

FRANCIS THOMAS,

Governor of Maryland:

SIR,—In conformity with a usage, which may now be regarded as the established law of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, we communicate to you, to be laid before the two Houses of the General Assembly, such information as may enable them to understand the management of the company for the last twelve months, and its present condition and resources.

In our communication of the 8th January last, we gave a detailed statement of the finished and unfinished portions of the line of the canal, and informed you that, of the entire line, there remained but *eighteen and three-tenths* miles unfinished to complete the canal to Cumberland. We further stated that, from a very laborious and careful survey then recently made, the estimated cost of completing said unfinished portion amounted to one million five hundred and ninety-one thousand, one hundred and thirty-six dollars. Since that survey and estimate, and during the last winter, whilst the measure for aid to the canal was pending before the legislature, several of the contractors, then having unfinished contracts on the line, continued to carry on their work to the end of the session, and there have also—subsequent to that period—been final estimates concluded on other parts of the line where work had been previously done, but not before accurately measured, which reduces the amount necessary for the entire completion of the canal to Cumberland, at this time, to the sum of *one million five hundred and forty-five thousand dollars*, as will be seen by reference to the report of the chief engineer, hereunto appended, (marked A.)

In consequence of the company having received no aid from the last legislature of Maryland, the numerous proposals for taking the unfinished portions of the line of the canal under contract, amounting in various forms to upwards of four thousand, which