

APPENDIX.

A.

Communication from the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the Governor of Maryland, with an appendix. December session, 1841.

OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL CO.

Frederick, January 8, 1842.

SIR: The large interest which the State of Maryland possesses in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and a conformity with the practice of my predecessors in office, induce me, as president of the company, to communicate to you, to be laid before the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, such information as may enable them to understand the condition and prospects of the company.

An order was passed by the House of Delegates on the 1st instant, calling upon the president of the company for certain specific information in regard to the affairs of the company. A communication in reply to that call has been sent to the House, embracing full and particular answers to all the inquiries contained in the order, and a copy of the same is herewith communicated, and will be found in the appendix, (marked A.) As it covers most of the matters interesting to the authorities of the State, the undersigned considers a reference to it as proper, and as superseding the necessity of repeating its contents in this communication.

The entire length of the line of the canal, from Georgetown to Cumberland, is one hundred and eighty-four and a half miles.— One hundred and thirty-four and a half miles of this, extending from Georgetown to dam No. 6, near the mouth of the Great Cacapon, are finished and navigable. Thirty-one and seven-tenths miles of the remaining fifty have also been completed in unconnected sections; but, owing to the location of the residue, the same cannot be used until the whole is finished. Of the entire line, there remains at this time unfinished only eighteen and three-tenths miles, which, when finished, will complete the canal from Georgetown to Cumberland.

From a careful and accurate survey and estimate, made by the chief engineer and his assistants, during the past year, the results of which will be seen in report of the chief engineer, under date