

CANAL OFFICE, *Frederick, June 6, 1842.*

GENTLEMEN: Since my report of the 20th of December, 1841, so little has been done towards the completion of the canal to Cumberland, that it is not necessary now to enter into much detail respecting the present state of the work.

That report says: "Herewith I enclose a detailed estimate, of date the 1st instant, of the *work done*, and that *to be done*, on the 50 miles of unfinished canal between dam No. 6 and Cumberland.

"I have divided the work into three classes:

"The first class embraces that portion of the work which *was done* on the 1st instant, and which has been finally estimated.

"The second class comprises all the work *now under contract*, including some which will probably be finished under the contracts lately suspended, if operations on the line should shortly be resumed.

"The third class embraces all the residue of the work, it being *all the work not now under contract*.

	Work done. Dec. 1, 1841.	Work to be done. Dec. 1, 1841.
The first class, as per accompanying statements, amount to - - - - -	\$2,073,714	
The second class, as per accompanying statements, amounts to - - - - -	772,150	\$328,023
The third class, as per accompanying statements, amount to - - - - -	- - - - -	\$1,363,113
Totals - - - - -	\$2,845,864	1,691,136
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And we have - - - - -		4,537,000

as the present estimated cost of construction of the *fifty miles* between dam No. 6 and Cumberland, supposing no change in the plans of building the remaining locks, culverts and lock-houses, from those originally contemplated.

"It appears in the accompanying estimate, that \$120,000 may be saved in the first cost of locks No. 59 to 71, inclusive, and the culverts and lock-houses remaining to be built, if the composite plan should be adopted for the locks, brick for the arches of the culverts, and log buildings for the lock-houses.

"I am still of the opinion, more than once expressed by me, that the changes of plan just spoken of should be adopted, except, perhaps, as regards locks No. 68 to 71, inclusive, which, owing