

At this date the repairs of the road were confided to the engineer department, and their superintendance devolved specially upon the engineer of location and construction, who discharged the duties of that office in person till the first of the ensuing December, when owing to the demand for his almost undivided attention to the surveys for the extension of the road, they were transferred to the assistant engineer of re-construction. The engineer of location and construction continued however, to exercise a general supervision over the repairs of the road till the 1st of October, 1840. During a part of the summer of 1838, and the winter of 1838 and '39, there were seven parties in the field engaged in making preliminary surveys, and surveys of location; three of these were detailed to the construction of road between Harpers Ferry and Cumberland early in the summer of 1839. The local engineers on re-construction were discontinued early in this year.

On the first of January 1840, there were four parties in the field engaged in making surveys of location between Cumberland and the Ohio river, and three division engineers, with their sixteen assistants of various titles as designated in the table, were engaged in the construction of road between Harpers Ferry and Cumberland.

The four parties engaged in making surveys were disbanded in the ensuing March. The number of division engineers on construction was reduced to two, and that of their assistants to twelve, early in the fall of 1840.

From this time, excepting that the salaries of the two division engineers were increased from \$1,500 to \$1,600 per annum each, from the first of February, 1841, there was no changes made in the number, grade, or pay of officers in this department till the 1st of April 1842, when the then chief engineer retired from the service, and when one of the resident engineers was dispensed with. Five others were dispensed with on the 1st of June, five on the 1st of October, and one on the 1st of January 1843. Of the division engineers, one was dispensed with on the 1st of October, and the other on the 15th of December last; since the 1st of April last the duties and title of chief engineer have devolved upon the engineer of location and construction.

On the 1st of February, 1843, the engineer department as connected with construction, was composed of the chief engineer only.

II.—DEPARTMENTS FOR WORKING ROAD.

FIRST.—*Department of Accounts.*—On the 1st of July, 1837, the department of accounts was composed (as designated in the table) of one treasurer, one secretary, one clerk and one counsel; the disbursements, however, were made by the officers at the heads of the several departments. By the 1st of April 1838, a change had been effected in this department, so as to have all payments, as far as practicable, made directly by the secretary in the