

## APPENDIX,

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Containing the answers of Charles M. Thruston, N. P. Barnes, G. W. Beall, and George Hoblitzell, to certain interrogatories propounded by the committee, appointed by the House of Delegates to visit the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, beyond Dam No. 6, &c.

TO CHAS. M. THRUSTON, ESQ.

SIR,—The committee appointed by order of the House of Delegates of Maryland, to visit the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and Rail Road, between Dam No. 6 and Cumberland, respectfully request of you an answer to each of the following interrogatories.

W. B. CLARKE, Chairman.

January 31, 1845.

1. Are you connected with any of the Coal and Iron companies, having capital invested in Allegany county—and in what capacity?

2. Be pleased to state the capital of your company, has it gone into operation, and how long.

3. Has any thing occurred to prevent your company from going into more extended operation.

4. Do you regard the facilities of transportation to market, afforded by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, either to Dam No. 6, or to Baltimore, as sufficient to bring out, and deliver to consumers the products of your mines and ore banks, to the full extent of your means?

5. Would you regard the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, if completed to Cumberland, as affording you a better avenue to market? If so state your reasons for this belief.

6. How much coal will it be in the power of your company to deliver annually for transportation, upon the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, provided that work is completed to the town of Cumberland?

7. State whether in your opinion, the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road can be used as a feeder to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal at Dam No. 6—transporting for each working day in the year all the coal, which may be delivered at the Depot of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, destined for the Canal at Dam No. 6.