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COMMUNICATION

FROM THE

PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

OF THE

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL COMPANY,

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND.

MADE DECEMBER 2ND, 1845.

OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL COMPANY,
Frederick, Dec. 2nd, 1845.

To His Excellency,

Thomas G. Pratt, Governor of Maryland:

SIR:—In conformity with the 8th section of the act of 1844, chapter 281, we have the honor herewith to present to you a printed copy of the 17th Annual Report of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, made to the stockholders on the 2nd day of June last. Although, under the provision referred to, it would seem that our duty, in this behalf, would be fulfilled by merely placing in your hands the report above mentioned, yet in the present interesting condition of the company, and in view of the highly important measures, which have been adopted since the publication of that report, we have deemed it proper to make this additional communication, and to present to you a full and particular account of our proceedings down to the present period.

The wise and enlightened policy pursued by the last Legislature of Maryland in passing the act, entitled "an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and for other purposes" has once more infused life and vigor into the corporate existence of this company, and rendered it no longer a suppliant at the doors of the legislature. Instead of being