

just expectations in this behalf be realized, not the least will be the conviction that, at an early period after the navigation shall have been opened to Cumberland, the State of Maryland will derive substantial returns from her large investments in this work. The shadow that has recently been thrown across her honored name is from the pillar of debt that has been built up by her contributions to this Company, and the burden of that debt must continue to bear heavily upon her patriotic people, until relief is brought to them from the revenues of the canal.

It will be observed that in the present communication we have confined ourselves exclusively to the special objects for which this meeting was called, and to the consideration of matters appertaining thereto. At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders in June next, we will make our usual report in regard to the general concerns of the Company during the past year.

By order of the Board:

JAMES M. COALE,  
*President of the Ches. and Ohio Canal Company.*

(The Appendix to this report (of the 29th of April) consists of memorials, and copies of the laws, which may be seen by reference to the statute books, and therefore is here omitted.)

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**GENERAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF  
THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL COMPANY.**

A General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, duly convened agreeably to the charter of said Company, was held on the 29th of April, 1845, at the office of said Company in the city of Frederick, to take into consideration the expediency of accepting an act of the Legislature of Maryland, passed at its recent session, entitled "An act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and for other purposes;" and also an act entitled, "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," passed by the Legislature of Virginia on the 20th day of January, 1844, confirmed by the Legislature of Maryland by an act passed the 8th February, 1844, and assented to by the Congress of the United States during the session just closed.

On motion, Governor SAMUEL SPRIGG, of Maryland, was called to the Chair, and THOMAS TURNER was appointed Secretary.

The list of the Stockholders having been called over, on motion, the Chairman appointed Messrs. Ingle, Van Lear, and Washington, a committee to examine the various proxies, and report thereon.