

The remaining seven will be put under contract as favorable opportunities offer.

Of the three aqueducts named as unfinished—

1 over Sideling Hill Creek is so nearly finished as only to require less than 300 perches of rubble masonry.

1 (No. 9,) over Fifteen-mile Creek has its abutments laid ready for the arch, and very nearly all of the cut stone and a part of the backing are prepared and delivered. The completion of this aqueduct is provided for by subcontract with Thomas Bell, whose preparations will enable him to commence laying the arch in three weeks from this time.

1 (No. 10,) over Town Creek—sixty feet span—one of the abutments is laid and the foundation of the other abutment can be obtained at very small cost.

The proposals for this aqueduct, together with locks Nos. 68, 69, 70 and 71, and sections 330, 331, 332, from Gonder & Co., were accepted by Gwynn & Co. in 1845. At the resumption of work in 1847, Gonder & Co. had embarked in such heavy contracts elsewhere, that they preferred to sublet the work named above. To this the Trustees made no objection, provided that the security for the completion of the work was undiminished, and that the payments as estimated during the progress of the work, should be made to the parties undertaking its execution. Previous to their visit to the line, the Trustees had been informed by the chief Engineer of the company, and also by Hunter, Harris & Co. that this work required attention. On their visit to the line, it was found, on interview with Messrs. Fraser & Co., (the firm who had contracted for the aqueduct, &c.) that they were not able to carry on the work in the manner required, and wished to surrender their contracts. That no delay might exist in the arrangements for the construction of the aqueduct over Town Creek, it was thought best to authorize Messrs. Hunter, Harris & Co. to receive back these contracts and to direct them to sublet the work without delay.

In accordance with these views, locks Nos. 68, 69, 70 and 71 have been put in the hands of Fallon & Ambrose, and sections 330, 331, 332, conditionally, in the hands of Fraser & Co., at the same prices and terms as those previously made in the proposals of Gonder & Co. The construction of the aqueduct over Town Creek requires more attention, energy and resources than any other work on the line, except the Tunnel and it is doubtful whether, under the circumstances, it does not call for greater immediate exertion than the Tunnel.

In view, therefore, of the circumstances, the Trustees have concluded to authorise Hunter, Harris & Co. to proceed at once with this work, associating with themselves, if they wish, such suitable person as they may find, the terms of payment to be the same as those of late contract with Fraser & Co.

It is believed that by this arrangement, the construction of this aqueduct is placed on the best possible footing, and the Trustees