

James M. Coale, Esq., President of the Company, appeared before the meeting, and read in behalf of the President and Directors, the twenty-first Annual Report of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the Stockholders; and is as follows:

REPORT:

OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL COMPANY. }
Frederick, June 4th, 1849. }

To the Stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, in General Meeting assembled:

GENTLEMEN:—The affairs, and future prospects of the Company, which at the last annual meeting, were subjects of just congratulation, have continued materially to improve. The doubts and misgivings, that, for so long a period, pervaded the public mind in regard to the completion of the Canal to Cumberland, have given place to cheerful confidence and hope, and the time is fast approaching when this Company will afford another signal instance, of what, in the face of the most formidable difficulties, may be accomplished by resolved and steady perseverance.

In the Appendix, marked A, will be found a report from the Chief Engineer, giving a detailed account of the operations on the line under the existing contract, up to this time, and referring to other matters of interest connected with the Canal. His calculations in regard to the work are based upon the cash prices of the August 1845 estimate as being best adapted to an illustration of the views he presents. The monthly estimates, however, upon which the payments in Bonds are made by the Company pursuant to the provisions of the contract, are based upon a scale of prices, accommodated to the consideration given for the entire completion of the work, which may vary according to circumstances, provided it does not exceed, at any time, the prices of the August 1845 estimate, more than twelve and a half per cent. As the Engineer's Report therefore will doubtless be read by all who take an interest in the progress of the work, we deem it unnecessary to recapitulate its statements, and will proceed, at once, to render an account of the actual transactions of the Company, and present such views and explanations in relation thereto, as the subjects may respectively require.

The total work done under the contract to the 1st inst. amounts, according to the estimate of the Chief Engineer, made out as above mentioned, to \$656,110.—Of this amount there has been paid to the Contractors through their agents and attorneys, in Bonds of the Company issued under the Maryland act of 1844, ch: 281, pursuant to the terms of the contract, the sum of