

In conclusion, the undersigned take pleasure in expressing their conviction, that the work has been conducted by the petitioners with uncommon energy, perseverance and good judgment. . Their duties have been laborious, and often embarrassing, and their devotion to the work, since our first knowledge of their agency in it, in the Spring of 1847, has been constant, and their exertions indefatigable. They were unfortunate, and the resumption of the work, in losing so much time on several important contracts, from the causes above stated, and in not having at command, sufficient means to carry on the work immediately with an adequate force, on their accounts, and from the consequences of this unavoidable delay, they found it difficult fully to recover. We are of opinion, that few persons, with the same means, could have carried forward the work with equal success; and but for their perseverance in making arrangements for the disposition of the bonds, and their judgment in prosecuting the work, in the most economical manner practicable under the circumstances, the Canal could not have been completed, on the strength of the pecuniary means provided under the contract. If our judgment in this particular is correct, they are entitled to the credit of having averted by the vigor of their personal efforts, the disaster of another suspension of the work, and of having been instrumental in bringing this magnificent enterprise to completion, earlier than it would probably have been done by any other agency.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

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Cumberland, February 18th, 1850.

Having placed my name to the within memorial, it is due to truth, that I should add a word in regard to my sources of information, since the document contains many facts and statements. While, therefore, I state that it was drawn up by my colleague, Mr. Hale, who assures me that he has examined the books and papers, so as to feel assured of the substantial accuracy of the results which he communicates. I am obliged to acknowledge that I have neither seen, nor had any opportunity to examine the books or papers,—but at the same time, I feel that Mr. H. may be relied on with safety. I will, also, add that I have occasionally visited the work, and am convinced from all I saw and heard, that the contractors have conducted the business with uncommon energy and success, considering the obstacles which they encountered, and are justly entitled to favorable consideration.

JOHN DAVIS.