

State of Delaware and this state, to make the survey of the said sounds, and an estimate of the probable expense of opening the navigation proposed; and also copies of four several acts of the general assembly of said state, relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company

The foregoing several communications and proceedings of sister states, are submitted for your consideration, in compliance with requests contained therein. The sources from which they come, as well as the subjects of which they treat, entitle them to the most respectful attention and deliberate consideration.

I could not fully and satisfactorily express my views upon the various resolutions (some of which are in direct conflict with others), and subjects which they embrace, without extending this communication to an unreasonable length. I the more readily consent to waive the expression of my views upon these subjects, as the sentiments generally entertained in this state, upon the most important of them, have been heretofore so fully expressed by former executives and legislatures, and as I cannot doubt but that you, the immediate representatives of the people, and coming from every part of the state, will give the views of our sister states the consideration and response which they have invited of you

From the executive of several states, complete sets of their respective laws have been received, and requests made of us, to be furnished with complete sets of our laws, or such of them, as, with what they already have, would complete their respective sets; which reasonable and proper requests, I greatly regret that we were not able to comply with, as the state do not possess any share of copies of full sets, nor of the laws of several sessions which were wanted by different states. I beg leave further to observe, in relation to this subject, that many, and indeed most of the states, annually transmit to us three copies of their session laws, whilst, heretofore, the executive of this state has been authorised to send to them *only one* copy of our annual laws. The propriety of vesting in the executive, authority to reciprocate, fully, the liberality of other states, in this respect, is so manifest, that I deem it only necessary to apprise you of the facts here stated. The communications referred to, are sent herewith.

From the state of New York, in addition to three copies of a revised edition of her laws, we have received a most splendid map of the state, and an interesting and well executed atlas of maps of the several counties of the state, worthy of the public spirit and liberalities of that great and rapidly improving commonwealth.