

stated in the foregoing answers to interrogatories, put to him by the committee on internal improvement, of the legislature of Maryland, contain the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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WM. D. MERRICK, Ch'n,

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*Answer to interrogatories propounded by the committee of Internal Improvement of the Legislature of the state of Maryland, to Thomas P. Purcell, Engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, 30th Jan. 1833.*

*Answer to query 1.* The location of the canal between the point of rocks and Harper's ferry, on which it is now being constructed, varies from both the independent location of Roberts and the conjoint location of Roberts and Knight.

“ to query 2. I think they do not.

“ to query 3. All the changes and modifications of the line made by Mr. Cruger and myself, when formed into a board, for the purpose of locating the canal from the Point of Rocks to Williamsport were grounded solely on consideration of utility and economy. Whether any change has been made since the 14th of March is unknown to me.

“ to query 4. This interrogatory is vague, inasmuch as it does not state the amount of contraction actually needed; but if 20 ft. (the amount stated by the agents of the rail road company to be requisite) is subtracted from the breadth of the canal, the width remaining would admit of the passage of only one boat at a time, thus exposing the canal boats to the delays incident to their long and narrow passes; and consequently its utility very materially impaired.