

would have overtopped the banks of the canal. Without intending to impute error to Mr. Roberts, I feel satisfied that the present location of the canal is better calculated to ensure safety and economy?

“ to query 16. The outer wall of the canal, at the difficult passes, would, on any location, protrude into the river. The present position of the canal, and its banks, is essential to a combination of security and economy.

“ to query 17. This is replied to in my answer to the 4th interrogatory.

“ to query 18. The dimensions of the Monococy aqueduct, are unknown to me; and the least inclination of any wall on the canal, is 3 inches base in the foot rise.

“ to query 19: I do not possess the means of replying to this interrogatory.

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STATE OF MARYLAND,

Frederick County Sc.

On this 30th day of January, 1833, personally appeared Thomas F. Purcell, engineer of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, and made oath, that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answers to the interrogatories put to him by the committee on Internal Improvements 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.