

report to the Governor and Council, when that part of the Cumberland or National Road, situated within the limits of this State, was in that state of repair contemplated, by the act of the Legislature of Maryland, agreeing to receive the road from the General Government, and to erect toll gates, and collect tolls to keep it in repair; and beg leave to state to the Senate and House of Delegates, that we have received a communication from Capt. Delafield, superintendant of repairs on the Cumberland Road, as agent of the United States, requesting us to receive the road on account of the State, see a copy of his note No. 1, and a copy of our reply No. 2, and a copy of J. Hoys communication to the Hon. Lewis Cass, Secretary of War, No. 3, J. Hoy's letter to Gen. Gratiot, No. 4, a copy of J. Hoy's letter to his Excellency James Thomas, Governor of Maryland, No. 5, which we request may be received as a part of this report.

We beg leave to state, that there is 12 miles of the road, situated between the Burnt Tavern of Frances Bruce, which is 5 miles west of Cumberland and Heckratts Inn, which is 17 miles west, that has received not more than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches of metal, we are of opinion that, that 12 miles requires 6 or 8 inches depth of stone to be put on it, to put it into that state of repair contemplated by the laws of Maryland, and the General Government.

The new located road from Cumberland to Bruce's Burnt Tavern, upwards of 6 miles by the new location, has received a stratum of not more than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches of stone, this part would require at least 8 inches more of stone to make it a good road. The bridges which were by the act of Maryland authorizing the change of location, all to have been built of stone, are now to be constructed of wood, under the directions of the War Department, in direct violation of the arrangement, made by the General Government with this State, the wood work has not yet been commenced, and the stone bridges may yet be built without loss of materials—if the bridges should be built of wood, the floors of the bridges must be renewed once at least in three years, and the bridges re-built at least in from 14 to 16 years.

The low rate of toll authorized by law to be collected, will not keep the road in repair, unless it is in the first instance put into a perfect state of repair, we