

the Commissioners have allowed	
only : : : : :	5000 00
Which with exports from Maryland	10,000 00
Do. Delaware	9,000 00

Makes up the sum of \$24,000 00

more than ten per cent of the investment; derived too from articles already in transit (or waiting to be so) through the present obstructed and tedious means of transportation. The Commissioners make no estimate of the increase which would occur in this amount from the circumstance of a ready, safe, and expeditious way of conveyance being presented to the agricultural and commercial interest, which are involved in the prosecution of this work: nor will they stop long to indicate the immense importance of such a communication in time of war. Already within no long period have the inhabitants of the south portion of the Delaware peninsula, suffered all the inconveniences of a blockade, and, so far as foreign articles were concerned, of approaching famine: nothing but an improvement like the one proposed, can prevent a repetition of these evils. The importance of this improvement appears to the Commissioners so strong in this light, that were not the views of the Executive Department of the General Government, so well known on the subject of Internal improvement generally, they would earnestly recommend an application to the Congress of the United States for aid and patronage.

Submitting with due respect what has been said, they will only add their sincere conviction, that nothing could be done to advance more the interests of the whole Delaware peninsula, and what is of especial importance to the Legislature of Maryland, the interests of the people of Worcester County; and that the enlightened and liberal policy of your Honorable Body, can find no more beneficial sphere of exercise than in sanctioning and aiding the efforts of a population, who have as yet asked nothing of their State, and whose interests are now so deeply and critically involved.

SOLOMON PRETTYMAN, }
HENRY F. RODNEY. }

Commissioners for Delaware.

JOHN C. DIRICKSON,

Commissioner for Maryland.

C. B. SHAW,

Commissioner for Virginia.

J. H. ALEXANDER,

Top. Eng. of Md. and Member of the Board.