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COMMUNICATION

From the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to the Legislature of Maryland.

To the General Assembly of Maryland,

The memorialists of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by the undersigned President and Directors thereof,

Respectfully represents;

That, on the 20th day of June last, the undersigned were elected President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by a general meeting of the Stockholders of the Company convened, pursuant to notice, in the City Hall, at Washington, and immediately afterwards, proceeded to execute the trust reposed in them, under the charter of the Company; a copy of which, with the by-laws of the Company, certain rules adopted by the President and Directors for their own government, and that of the corps of Engineers, and tabular statements of the contracts made for the construction of forty-eight miles of the Canal are annexed to this memorial, together with an exposition of the condition of the Company's Funds down to the last return of the Treasurer.

Among the duties which the undersigned have performed in the past year, has been included that of fixing definitively the eastern termination of the Canal.

In the performance of this delicate and difficult trust it was deemed essential to the permanent validity of any decisions which the President and Directors might form, that the subject should be submitted to a general meeting of the Stockholders.

In preparing a question on which to take their final judgment the President and Directors were regardful of the liberal spirit which the State of Maryland had ever manifested towards the enterprise confided to their care, and adhering to her past policy in relation to the future extension of the Canal, sought earnestly, and they confidently believe, successfully, to advance that policy. By the report of a Civil Engineer, a highly respectable native citizen of her great commercial emporium, it had been affirmed, that, to enable the State of Maryland, to extend the Chesapeake