

coupons bearing interest, and a legal interpretation upon the waiver of the State's liens by Act of Assembly of 1844, chapter 281, and deciding the points for which the suit of Mr. Corcoran is brought, as we are advised.

Statement "F" is the decision of the Court of Appeals on the 21st December, 1871, respecting the certificates issued by the Canal Company in 1853, for coupons funded, up to and including January, 1854, bearing upon the questions raised by the bill filed by Mr. Corcoran against the Canal Company.

The counsel employed to answer for and defend the Canal Company in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in the suit brought by Mr. Corcoran, are Messrs. Bernard Carter and John P. Poe. The residence of Messrs. Carter and Poe is Baltimore City.

It is not contemplated by the Canal Company to employ any additional counsel to answer or defend the suit brought by Mr. Corcoran in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, unless otherwise instructed by the stockholders or Board of Public Works of Maryland.

The compensation to the counsel employed has not yet been fixed; that will be determined by the Board of Directors after the services of the counsel have been rendered. I presume they will be paid such fee as is usually allowed to counsel in such cases, in accordance with the services rendered.

The appointment of counsel, as shown by reference to Statement "D," was made by the President of the Canal Company, by authority of the stockholders. The Board of Directors of the Canal Company have taken no action upon the subject of employing counsel.

This statement, I think, covers all the information asked for in the order of the Senate. If anything is omitted, I shall be glad to supply it, or any other information desired, which may be in my power to give. I shall take great pleasure in complying with any order of the Senate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES C. CLARKE,

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Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from W. S. McPherson, Superintendent of Labor and Agriculture: