

practicability of a Canal connecting the Potomac River, or the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, with the Basin of Baltimore, both by a route North of the District of Columbia and through it, and the expense necessary to complete the same, and a detailed correspondence with that of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, was transmitted to the President, agreeably to the request of the Legislature. And We have much pleasure in making known to you, that the result met the favorable consideration of the President, and that the survey was promptly made, and has been completed under the superintendance of Doctor William Howard, a gentleman eminently qualified for the task, whose report we hope to be able to present you during your present Session. When We shall receive this report, we shall then be in possession of surveys of the most important and interesting works of that character contemplated in this State. And it affords us great pleasure to inform you, that the Legislature of Pennsylvania, in accordance with that enlightened and liberal spirit which has always characterized their proceedings, have passed a Law, since the adjournment of the last General Assembly, giving their assent to the act incorporating the Susquehanna and Patuxent Canal Company. A copy of the same, received from His Excellency Governor Shulze, is herewith submitted — thus inviting us to extend our facilities of intercourse with the interior of that rich and fertile State, which has already contributed much to the growth and prosperity of our great Commercial emporium.

In the reasons that have already been stated in the conclusion of our observations upon the general subject of internal improvements, we forbear to enlarge, or to descend to particulars, on this subject.

The Arms &c, mentioned in the Resolution No 57, are in a course of repair, under the superintendance of the Armorer at this place, whose report on the subject is herewith submitted.

We forward to His Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania, a Copy of the Report of the Committee of the last House of Delegates, relative to a law which had been granted to bring in a Bill to prevent persons residing out of this State from injuring the Fisheries in the River Susquehanna below the Pennsylvania line, as requested by Resolution No 64.

Under the Resolution No 76, directing the distribution of the 5th & 6th Volumes of Harris and Johnsons reports, we have caused them to be delivered to such of the Authorities and persons entitled to receive them, as have made application therefor. The second and third Volumes of the Reports, have been completed by the publisher, and two hundred copies of each delivered to us. Other Volumes will be obtained as they may be published, under a contract made with the Reporter, by the Executive in 1824. No provision exists for the distribution of any other than the fifth and sixth Volumes. It would seem proper that the same Authorities and persons should receive the whole work. We, therefore, recommend the subject to your consideration with a view to such further provision as may be necessary for that purpose.

Agreeably to the directions of the General Assembly, we transmit to His Excellency the Governor of Virginia, the preamble and Resolution No 82, relative to the dividing line and boundary between that State and this. And We embraced the occasion to say to His Excellency, that the Legislature of Maryland, had repeatedly manifested its