

tracts which have been let by Mr. Page. If I had been able to get the information, if I had known that the contracts were going to be made without proper enquiry on the part of the chief engineer, I would have moved in this matter twelve months ago, but I had no idea that the contracts would be let in that way, though I knew that Mr. Page was obstinately determined to pursue his own course. When I took him to the head of the canal, and showed him the current which carried the ice inside the pier and showed him that there was no such current ~~through~~ *into* Hoopes' Creek to Archibald's Point, and that there never could be an obstruction by ice if the canal were carried in through there, he refused on the ground that so much money had been expended before. I pointed out to him that he was in no way responsible for the location of the original canal, that he was not in the country at the time, and that it would redound to his credit to remedy the evils which were complained of. He saw those evils and admitted them, but he would not change them because so much money had been already expended. He was determined to send much good money after bad, and the result is seen now. I tell the Government that, if they will issue a Royal Commission, as I hope they will, I shall be prepared to establish every statement I have made by the best scientific and practical authorities in this country. With the permission of the House, I desire to add to the resolution:

And the plans, profiles and estimates made by Mr. Clewes in the year 1826.

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