

The "Instructions," chiefly in the hand of Secretary Joseph McIlwaine, are issued to many of the engineers named, supra, as well as to Major D. B. Douglass, of West Point, explorer for the Northwest Pennsylvania Canal and original proponent of the French Creek Feeder Canal; Major John Wilson, explorer for the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad and initial builder of it; and Judge James Geddes, a builder of the Erie Canal in New York State and explorer in Pennsylvania for canals along the Allegheny and Susquehanna rivers.

- W2-a. 27. REPORTS on CANAL, RAILWAYS, ROADS, etc. made to "The Pennsylvania Society for the Promotion of Internal Improvement" by William Strickland, Engineer and Architect. pp. iv, 52 with Plates 1-72, Philadelphia, 1826.

This volume, the fruit of Strickland's visit to Great Britain with the assistant, Samuel H. Kneass, who executed the drawings of the 72 plates picturing locks, aqueducts, locomotive engines, etc. was subscribed for by all the engineering authorities of the era and became a great manual for the building of canals and railroads.

- W2-b. 1. RECORDS of APPRAISERS of DAMAGE CLAIMS (that is, of claims allowed and granted in sum and of claims rejected for injuries done to property by the construction of The Pennsylvania Canal). 19 November 1830 - 14 April 1834.
- W2-b. 2. RECORDS of DAMAGE CASES (that is, of claims allowed by appraisers and granted in sum and of claims rejected for injuries done to properties by the construction of The Pennsylvania Canal). 30 September 1834 - 30 January 1836.