

The PENNSYLVANIA BOARD of CANAL COMMISSIONERS

The records and papers of the Pennsylvania Board of Canal Commissioners, 1825 - 1858, fall into three major groups:

- I. The records and papers of the Board as filed by the Board's successive secretaries.
- II. The office records, or Superintendency Papers, as preserved in the files of the superintendents of the several divisions of The Pennsylvania Canal which, it should be remembered, was constructed and operated like a modern railroad under the authority of an executive head and under the direction of superintendents of divisions such as the Eastern Division, the Juniata Division, the Allegheny Portage Railroad, or the French Creek Feeder.
- III. The Map Books for the several divisions or lines of The Pennsylvania Canal, officially the property of the commissioners and drawn at their direction by the several engineers and cartographers who either explored for possible routes for the divisions of The Pennsylvania Canal or made further examinations of the divisional canals subsequent to their construction.

I. Board Records and Papers

The Board's records and papers are of comprehensive and various interest. Its JOURNAL may be regarded as the hub of all its activity from 1825 to 1858; to this hub, as to an axis, all other records are related. Engineers' and superintendents' letters and reports;