

- A. Abner Lacock to President John Sergeant of the (new) Canal Commission, 7 November 1825, demonstrating the impracticability of constructing and supplying with water the long tunnel through Allegheny Mountain proposed by James Clarke and Jacob Holgate after their survey in 1824; by process of elimination, showing what is the most practicable route for a canal from the western slopes of Allegheny Mountain into the City of Pittsburgh. (Autograph letter, signed.)
- B. General Lacock's report, 7 November 1825, on the most available route for a western division canal and the feasibility of a portage road (he does not call it "railroad") over the mountain, with estimates of the costs of construction.

The foregoing items are in a manila envelope packet.

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Important figures indexed are Harmar Denny, eloquent Pittsburgh advocate of the Pennsylvania Canal; Wm. B. Foster, Sr., toll collector, father of Stephen Collins Foster, the song-writer; Superintendent S. S. Jamison; Superintendent Samuel Jones; R. L. Keen, clerk; Abner Lacock, acting commissioner; Alonzo Livermore, engineer; Superintendent James McCague; Joseph McIlvaine,