TABLE D.—Exhibiting all information thus far obtained relative to the establishment of slackwater on the South Fork of the Kentucky River, from its mouth at Beattyville to the Goose Creek salt-works, at the confluence of Collins Fork and Goose Creek, being a distance of 685 miles.

Division. Length.	Distance 1	e from-	Rise.	Hei	Height above	I	e height of ttoms.	e width of annel.	e length of ams.	No the Land of the Land	H	.ock-chambers (size of).	Lock timal per	age (ested cost foot).	Ö	Cost.	ngent ex-	estimated to foot lift).	total.
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Nore.—The data from which this estimate is made above the town of Booneville is derived entirely from repants, made in the year 1837, and partially confirmed by reconnaissances made by the writer in 1872.

TABLE E.—Exhibiting all information thus far obtained relative to the project of connecting the headwaters of the South Fork with the waters of the Cumber-

Branch (Crockettsville), was obtained from the survey made under the derived from the report of State Engineer Sylvester Welch, made in 1837.

above table, between the mouth of Middle Fork and Long's verLong's Branch, up to the Hazard and Manchester road, was

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Table G.—Exhibiting all information thus far obtained relative to the discharge of water from the Kentucky River and its several forks at extreme low stage.

APPENDIX V.

Stream.	Locality.	Cubic feet per minute.	Remarks.
Forth or main fork.	Whitesburg Leatherwood Creek Hazard Troublesome Creek Jackson	300 700 1, 700	Lowest stage for 20 years, Do. Do.
Middle fork	Middle fork Crockettsville Mouth Goose Creek	20, 000 1, 507 3, 600	Ordinary summer stages. Do. Do. Taken at dead low-water.
Main stream	Red Bird. Beattyville	177	Do. Do.

There is no appreciable increase in the discharge between Beattyville and the mouth of the river, due, probably, to an equalization of supply and evaporation. It is thought that always for six months, and generally for eight months of the year, there will be an ample supply of water for the demands of navigation in every case herein referred to.

TABLE H.—Hydraulic cements.

Where found.	Depth of formation.	Quality.	By whom tested.
Five miles below Irwine, mouth of Calloway's Creek. Drowning Creek	20	Reported upon favorably by the State engineer in 1837, during the progress of	George Stealey, civil engineer, assistant to Sylvester Welch, esq., engineer of
Muddy Creek Red River.	45	work on the locks and dams then under con-	the State of Kentucky.
Frankfort	*	struction. (See Kentucky House Journal for 1837-'8.)	

In Stealey's report of 1837, he speaks favorably of the entire practicability of manufacturing cement at the mouths of these several creeks by means of cheaply constructed water-power on the creeks.

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ter on	Average-	Rise per mile.			2.4			2.1	3.5	1.1		1.7		2.5	11	2.7	::	3.5		910
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nent of ter road	Height above-	Ohio Riv-	228.0		254. 69 254. 69			261, 36	267.10	268, 96		276.85		283, 46		290, 22		296.85		309.51
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elative Hazar	Distance from—	Ohio Riv-	257. 5		268.6			273.9	275.4	277.1		281.7		284.3		286.8		288.9		293.7
ined i	Di	Mouth.	0.0		11.1	::	:::	16.4	17.9	19.6		24.2		26.8		29.3		31.4		36.2
r obta		Length.	0000	0000		1.1	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.20	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.4	30.5
mation thus far obtained relative to the establishment of slackwater on the Middle Fork of Kentucky Ri 'y, to the crossing of the old Hazard and Manchester road, in Leslie County, being a distance of 68 miles	Ripples.		Head of shoal	Foot Foot	Head Foot	Head	Head	Head	Head	F of	Head	Foot	Foot	Foot	Foot	Foot	Foot	Foot	Foot	Foot
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TABLE F.—Exhibiting all information thus far obtained relative to the establishment of slackwater on the Middle Fork of Kentucky River, from its mouth, Lee County, to the crossing of the old Hazard and Manchester road, in Leslie County, being a distance of 68 miles.		Locality.	Mouth of Middle Fork	Ment m	Twin Chaoles	The Clocks	Panale Pronch	rape's branch	Jett's Creek	Camp Creek		Shoulder Blade		Mill Creek		Canve Fork			Heavald's Creek	Long's Creek, Crockettsville 1

Table I.—Estimate of the repairs needed on the five looks and dams on the Kentucku River

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Number 3.	Price.	\$0.25 40.24 115 022 002 3 00 400 00
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•		Abutment masonry, cubic yards Stone filling in dams, cubic yards Gravel behind dams, cubic yards Gravel behind dams, cubic yards Square timber, linear feet Light sheeting, board-measure Light sheeting, board-measure Heavy pilling, linear feet Sheet pilling, hoard-measure Iron, pounds Repairs, guide and slope walls Look gates Irode gates	Total Grand total

This estimate provides for dams, composed of square timbers, with a double row of sheet piling along the face of the upper breast, and on no other than tions, extending ten feet into the bottom of the river. It provides also for new abutments and for a double covering of sheeting on the upper slope.

TABLE M.—Showing estimates of the cost of replacing the five old dams on the Kentucky River by five others, constructed of stone,

		No. 1.			No. 2.		,	No. 3.			No. 4.			No. 5.	
	No.	Price.	Amount.	No.	Price.	Amount.	No.	Price.	Amount.	No.	Price.	Amount.	No.	Price.	Amount.
Dam-masonry, cubic yards 4, Abutments, masonry, cubic yards 1, Coping, cubic yards 1, Coping, cubic yards 6, Griddle work, linear feet 9, Foundation piling, linear feet 60, Foundation platform linear feet 25,	4, 700 1, 200 125 9, 000 60, 000	\$7 00 10 00 20 20 20 15	\$32, 900 6, 000 10, 000 12, 000 3, 750	4, 200 1, 000 110 4, 500 30, 000 13, 000	\$7 00 10 00 10 00 20 15	\$29,400 4,000 1,100 5,000 6,000 1,950	4, 500 1, 000 115	\$7 00 4 00 10 00	\$31,500 4,000 1,150 1,500	4,500	\$7 00	\$31, 500 1, 150 1, 000		\$7 00	\$75, 600 1, 400 7, 000
Iron, pounds (Rock, cubic yards	2,000	90	120		90	06	4, 600	90	276	4,500	1 00	100	001	1 00 6	100
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Total. Grand total.			74, 470			52, 660			42, 801			38, 020			90, 730

This estimate provides for dams of solid masonry, founded either upon solid rock or upon foundations bottom and top, with iron fastenings, and on rock bottoms; the foundation course is countersunk.

V 11.

SURVEY OF LICKING RIVER, KENTUCKY.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE.

Cincinnati, Ohio, February 14, 1879.

GENERAL: I have the honor herewith to submit the report on the Licking River, Kentucky, called for in the river and harbor act approved June 18, 1878.

The survey was assigned to Mr. C. Schenk, assistant engineer, who was very familiar with the region in question by reason of long service with the Kentucky Geological Survey.

Field work was begun at McClure's Mill, about five miles below West Liberty, being the point at which was found the last bench-mark of Buford's survey of 1837. It was continued up stream 70 miles to Trace Fork, in Magoffin County.

It was supposed when this programme was adopted that Buford's map of the river from Slate Creek to West Liberty was in existence. A careful search failed to discover it, and it is inferred that it perished in the fire that destroyed the State archives in 1869.

From the mouth of the Licking River to Slate Creek, a distance of 149 miles, the survey was made in 1829 under the direction of the War Department, and the maps are on file in Washington. We therefore have a complete map of the Licking River from the mouth of Trace Fork, in Magoffin County, a distance of 300 miles, except for the 81 miles between Slate Creek and McClure's Mill, in which, however, we have a few distances and elevations.

The total length of the Licking River is 320 miles.

Owing to the natural scarcity of navigable water, the only practical method of improvement is by the construction of locks and dams. In the lower part of the river there would probably be a sufficiency of water for lockage and to meet losses by evaporation and leakage, but in the upper portion the supply would be inadequate during the dry months of the year. This is chiefly due to the very restricted drainage area at the headwaters of the Licking, it being merely a narrow valley, wedged in between the water-sheds of the Kentucky and the Big Sandy. The rapid removal of the forests at headwaters, which is now in progress, will probably still further reduce the supply of water.

As the present survey was made near the headwaters, the mouth of Trace Creek being reported to be only about 20 miles below the head springs of the Licking, no estimates for works of improvements were made for this part of the river, as a system of slackwater navigation ought naturally to be carried upwards from the mouth.

The existing navigation is very small, and the chief complaint of navigators is that the State of Kentucky has practically turned over the river to the Licking River Lumber and Mining Company. A copy of the charter of this company is appended. It is probable that the grounds of complaint would disappear if the river were improved by locks and dams. There would then be no need for an indiscriminate rush of boats, rafts, and loose logs, all eager to get to market before the flood abated.

The chief products to be transported on the Licking, in case it were improved, would be iron, coal, agricultural products, and timber. The lowest deposits of iron ore are found at the Preston ore-banks, on the

waters of Slate Creek, in Bath County, about 8 miles from the Licking. The nearest point on the latter river is about 158 miles from the Ohio, and in this distance the fall is about 215 feet.

On the basis of the estimates of the Kentucky Board of Internal Improvement the cost of slack water up to this point would be \$1,424,184. This is for locks, 175 feet long and 38 feet wide, up to the Lower Blue Licks, and locks 120 feet long and 38 feet wide above that point. Their estimate was a total of \$1,018,509 to the Lower Blue Licks, and \$5,409 per foot of lockage above that point.

The lowest workable deposits of coal, as far as now known, are found in Elk Fork Valley, in Morgan County. The Elk Fork joins the Licking one mile above McClure's Mill, and 231 miles above the Ohio. In this distance the fall is about 322 feet, and, on the basis given above, the cost of locks and dams up to this point would be about \$2,002,947.

It should be stated that there are some discrepancies in the distances and elevations just used from those given in Appendixes A and B, which are Welch's and Buford's reports on the Licking. The reason is that I have taken from Slate Creek the distance and elevation given on the profile of 1829, which are 149½ miles and 200.8 feet, respectively. I consequently obtain for West Liberty a distance of 235 miles and an elevation of 333½ feet. There are evident errors and inconsistencies in the reports of Welch and Buford that can only be righted by a new survey or additional information.

It has been suggested that a lock and dam at the mouth of the Licking would create a valuable manufacturing interest on both banks for a distance of 3 miles. This is probably correct, but as this is a work that only indirectly concerns navigation, no estimate is made for it. If built, the dam ought to be a movable one.

In 1837 the State of Kentucky began the improvement of the Licking River by locks and dams, and contracts were let for 5 locks. In 1839 contracts were let for 2 more locks. In 1840 work was suspended for lack of funds, and in 1842 a final settlement was made with the contractors. The total cost to the State was \$372,520, all of which was total loss.

Should the government be unwilling to enter upon so large an expenditure as the radical improvement of the Licking would entail, it is suggested that a small appropriation for the removal of the rocks and bowlders that make the passage of "The Narrows" so dangerous would afford great relief to existing navigation. It is believed that \$5,000 could be profitably expended on this work.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. E. MERRILL,

Major Engineers.

Brig. Gen. A. A. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

REPORT OF MR. C. SCHENK, ASSISTANT ENGINEER.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, December 28, 1878.

Sir: I have the honor to submit the following report on the reconnaissance of the upper part of the Licking River, assigned to me by your letter of August 28, 1878.

The Licking River was surveyed in 1829 from its mouth to Slate Creek, a distance of 149 miles, by Lieutenants Turnbull and Grayson, and the maps of this survey are on file in the Engineer Department at Washington. In 1836-37 the survey was continued by N. B. Buford to West Liberty, but his maps cannot now be found; his last-

known bench-mark was at the old site of McClure's mill, 4.7 miles below West Liberty. In the hope (which was not realized) that Buford's map might be found, the work of the present survey was begun at McClure's mill and was continued to Trace Fork, in Magoffin County, a distance of 69.7 miles.

The Licking River rises in the acute angle formed at the junction of the water-sheds of the Big Sandy and the Kentucky Rivers, and flows in a northwesterly direction, through Magoffin, Morgan, Menifee, Rowan, Bath, Fleming, Robertson, Nicholas, Pendleton, Kenton, and Campbell Counties for a total distance of about 320 miles,

Pendleton, Kenton, and Campbell Counties for a total distance of about 320 miles, emptying at last into the Ohio River, opposite the city of Cincinnati.

In Magoffin and Morgan Counties the folds in the stratified rocks which form the watersheds of the Kentucky and Big Sandy Rivers are so near each other that the intervening basin drained by the Licking has little width; a fact that has a marked influence on the regimen of the river.

The basin of the Union Licking is creded into a complicated system.

The basin of the Upper Licking is eroded into a complicated system of main and minor ridges and spurs, among which the tributaries take their rise. The latter are fed by numerous springs, which, however, have scarcely any flow in dry seasons. The lateral valleys, with bottoms from 50 to 1,500 feet wide, are bordered by richly-tim-lateral valleys, with bottoms from 50 to 100 feet where the valleys.

lateral valleys, with bottoms from 50 to 1,500 feet wide, are bordered by richly-tim-bered hills, rising from 50 to 400 feet above the valleys.

The bottom lands, composed of sand, clay, rocks, and vegetable mold, are mostly sufficiently elevated to be free from overflow during summer.

Although the average width of the Licking Basin in Magoffin and Morgan Counties is only from 18 to 20 miles, the length of some of the tributaries exceeds these figures, owing to the fact that they frequently follow courses more or less parallel to the main stream.

The area drained by the Licking from its source down to the mouth of Elk Fork, in Morgan County, is estimated at 600 square miles. The immediate valley is from 300 feet to one mile wide, and it is bordered by hills from 100 to 400 feet high, chiefly composed of alternating beds of sandstones, shales, clay, coal, and iron ore. The river descends in an extremely crooked course, alternately approaching the hills on each side, washing and excavating their bases, and forming deposits on the opposite side. This is specially the case in the sharp bends, where one side of the river is often lined by vertical banks of sandstone and shale, which present insuperable obstacles to roads, while the other side is flat bottom land, which can be traversed in any direction with the utmost ease.

The bottom lands, as a rule, are formed by the washings from the neighboring hills, and terraces, at various elevations, are of common occurrence. Between McClure's mill and West Liberty these bottoms vary in height from 8 to 20 feet above low-water, but those that have the smaller height are usually backed by a terrace or else a hill is found within a distance of from 300 to 600 feet.

The width of the river varies from 80 to 100 feet; its course is very tortuous, many of the bends covering three-quarters of a circle, and having a mean radius of from 150

It is very common to find drifting sands on the rocky bottom of the river. Wherever a lateral depression brings in the drainage of the steep hills we find a ripple formed by the débris brought down by the rains, which makes a short pool above it.

The same character pertains to the country and river above West Liberty, except that the sandy banks, which vary in height from 14 to 20 feet above low-water, are more ragged on account of the effect produced by log jams.

Above the Gordon Ford, which is 6 miles above West Liberty, ripples are less numerous. It is here that the sinuous character of the Licking is most marked; places 3 miles apart in an air line are 12 miles distant as measured by the course of the river.

The general elevation of the bottom lands between West Liberty and Salyersville is from 14 to 20 feet, diminishing towards the latter place; being only 12 to 16 feet near Licking Station. Salyersville is flooded by a rise in the river of 8 to 11 feet, and 3 miles above that town a 7-foot rise overflows the sandy and irregular river banks. The river here is from 80 to 160 feet wide.

The quantity of water flowing in the Licking is extremely variable. The tributaries, sparingly fed by weak springs, become almost dry in summer, while in wet seasons their volume is enormous. As there are no table-lands and the hills are steep and covered by a soil that has little capacity to retain water, the greater portion of

the rain runs at once into the river, charged with sediment to its utmost capacity.

A gauging of the river at West Liberty, made on the 23d of September, when the water was near its lowest stage, showed a discharge of 13 cubic feet per second. Another gauging, made about half a mile above Salyersville, on the 8th of November, when the river was at the average low stage of winter, gave a discharge of 15 cubic which the Fivel was at the average of which, gave a mannage of 15 feet per second. If to this be added 2 cubic feet per second for State Road Fork, and the same for Burning Fork, both of which join the Licking at Salyersville, we would obtain for the discharge of the Licking below the junction 19 cubic feet per second.

The rise in the river between McClure's mill and Prater's Branch, a distance of

49.954 miles, averages 2.286 feet per mile. This rise, however, is not uniform, as can be seen by the following table:

Section of river.	Length of miles.	Total rise.	Rise per mileinfeet.
Mc Clure's mill to Dan Branch Dan Branch to Gordon Ford Gordon Ford to War Creek War Creek to Patrick's Ford Patrick's Ford to Bloomington Ford Bloomington Ford to Millard's mill Millard's mill to Calvin Coal Bank Ford Calvin Coal Bank Ford to Middle Fork Ford Middle Fork Ford to Licking Station Licking Station to Salyersville Salyersville to Prater's Branch Total Average rise per mile.	5. 719	13. 076	2. 287
	4. 815	7. 800	1. 621
	4. 917	8. 632	1. 756
	14. 050	28. 322	2. 016
	1. 499	5. 621	3. 750
	1. 067	5. 521	5. 174
	5. 379	9. 917	1. 843
	4. 854	10. 285	2. 117
	4. 037	12. 171	3. 015
	2. 381	8. 533	3. 583
	1. 236	4. 313	3. 489

The heavy rise at Millard's mill is caused by a rude dam of loose rocks and driftwood. The mill-race, about 20 feet long, is cut into the rock bottom of the river, and the mill itself is merely an uncovered frame-work supporting the necessary wheel and

The elevation above low-water of floods in the Licking varies as follows:

At Salyersville it is from 10 to 13 feet.

At Cottle's Bend in 1874 it rose to 22 feet, flooding the bottoms from 2 to 7 feet.

At Day's mill-site it is 25 feet, flooding the bottoms from 3 to 10 feet.

At West Liberty it is 29 feet.

The following table gives elevations and distances along the Licking, the connection with the Ohio River being made through the bench-marks at West Liberty, as given by N. B. Buford, civil engineer, in his report to Sylvester Welch, chief engineer, of Kentucky, dated November 1, 1847.

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Miles from mouth.	Name.	Elevation in feet above low-water in Ohio River at Cincinnati.	Elevation in feet above mean ocean levels.	Length of ripple.	Rise of ripple.	Remarks.
226. 27 228. 85 231. 00 231. 62 231. 99 233. 86 236. 26 236. 81 238. 51 241. 73 244. 05 244. 05 245. 05 250. 58 251. 87 252. 09 255. 78 257. 29 264. 26 263. 72 264. 26 263. 72 264. 26 270. 35 271. 89	McClure's mill-site. Neele's Branch Ripple, head. West Liberty mill-site. Horse Branch Ripple, head. Dan Branch Ripple, head. Elam Bend Gordon's Bend Ripple, head. Day's mill-site War Creek Ripple, head. Cut-off Bend below White Oak Creek Mouth of Rock House Creek Shoal Branch Ripple Mill-site Mouth of Pricy Creek Ford Bloomington Ford Millard's mill Mouth of Grape Creek Johnson's Fork Ford Calvin Coal Bank Branch Price's Bend Ford May's Bend Ford May's Bend Ford	289, 79 300, 506 310 310, 555 311, 86 314, 68 318, 61 319, 66 322, 44 328, 30 330, 77 334, 32 345, 01 348, 36 348, 36 348, 36 373, 20 374, 71 377, 68 379, 34 383, 17 387, 98 292, 89 398, 52 89	738. 52 744. 15 749. 74 750. 28 751. 59 754. 41 759. 41 762. 17 768. 03 770. 50 788. 59 796. 35 801. 97 887. 49 812. 93 814. 44 817. 14 819. 07 822. 60 827. 69 832. 62 838. 25	19. 7 49 52 337. 3 49. 3 705 	0. 65 0. 32 1. 08 0. 96 0. 34 1. 27 0. 76 0. 27 2. 06	Near Mr. Thos. Elam's house. In Mr. Dave Cottle's field. Below Pricy Creek. Near Mr. H. Patrick's house. Below Calvin Coal Branch. Lower end of Bend. Ford of Middle Fork Road. Where road leaves river. West Liberty and Salyers ville Road.
272. 61 274. 94 275. 02 275. 83 276. 18	Ford at Licking Station Salyersville Barning Fork Bend Prater's Branch	408. 47 409. 07 411. 69	839. 86 848. 40 848. 80 851. 42 852. 71			Mouth of State Road Fork. At end of Mr. Jos. Gardner's field. Below Mr. E. Prater's house.

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