

# FACTS

## FOR CANAL MEN, BOATMEN, LABORERS, AND TAX PAYERS!

The Whigs ask votes for their candidates, on the ground that their party are the special friends of the Canals.

The Whig party never existed till 1834, and never had power in this State till 1838. Then, all our Canals (except the Genesee and Black River) had been in operation several years. THEY WERE ALL CONSTRUCTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE ERIE CANAL WAS COMMENCED, AND CARRIED ON FOUR YEARS, BY THE DEMOCRATS. Then the Whigs came into power.

While in power, from 1838 to 1842, THE WHIGS increased the Canal Debt SIXTEEN MILLIONS—run State Stocks down to 22 per cent. below par—bankrupted the treasury—STOPPED WORK ON THE ENLARGEMENT—ruined contractors, and TURNED THOUSANDS OF LABORERS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT. The People swept them from power, in 1842, by 22,000 majority.

The Whigs returned to power in 1848. Since then, they have increased the public debt—exhausted the treasury—stopped payment—SUSPENDED WORK ON THE CANALS—broke down the contractors, and last winter TURNED THOUSANDS OF LABORERS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

This year, a law has been passed to raise nine millions for completing the Canals. THE WHIGS PRETEND THAT THE DEMOCRATS WILL REPEAL THE LAW, if they carry the election this fall. IT IS FALSE! THEY WILL FAITHFULLY EXECUTE THE LAW. They only insist that the party which built 800 miles of Canal, without ever stopping payment, or suspending work, or discharging laborers, is better able to execute the law, than A PARTY WHICH NEVER MADE A CANAL, AND NEVER ENLARGED A CANAL, but has only been skillful in wasting money, breaking down the public works and throwing laborers out of employment.

The Whigs claim to be the peculiar friends of the forwarders, boatmen and laborers.

LAST JULY, THE WHIG LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW REMOVING TOLLS FROM THE RAILROADS. This enables the roads to carry freight cheaper than the boats, and will diminish the Canal revenues \$400,000 a year. JAMES M. COOK, WHIG CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER, VOTED FOR THIS LAW.

Last winter, THE CANAL BOARD REDUCED THE TOLLS on wheat, flour, &c., 25 per cent. This has largely increased freight on the Canals. EVERY DEMOCRAT IN THE BOARD VOTED FOR THIS REDUCTION, and EVERY WHIG (except one) VOTED AGAINST IT. LEVI S. CHATFIELD, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, ably supported the measure, and HENRY FITZHUGH, Whig candidate for Canal Commissioner, strenuously opposed it.

When the Canal Bill was before the Senate, A DEMOCRAT moved to so amend it, that when the Canals were completed no higher tolls should be charged, than would be necessary to keep the Canals in working condition—that empty boats should hereafter pay no tolls—and THAT LABORERS ON THE CANALS SHOULD BE PAID

AT LEAST ONE DOLLAR FOR TEN HOURS WORK, EVERY DEMOCRATIC SENATOR VOTED FOR THESE AMENDMENTS, AND EVERY WHIG AGAINST THEM.

THE WHIGS ARE PROFLIGATE IN EXPENDING THE PUBLIC MONEY.

The DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLY of 1850 appointed a Committee to ferret out Canal Frauds. During the summer they collected evidence proving that WHIG COMMISSIONERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS HAD BEEN GROSSLY WASTEFUL AND CORRUPT IN SPENDING MONEY ON THE CANALS. They reported the facts to the WHIG ASSEMBLY of this year. THE WHIG ASSEMBLY REFUSED TO PRINT THE TESTIMONY, and the Report has been spirited away and "LOST," so that its DAMNING FACTS MIGHT NOT BE SPREAD BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

The last WHIG LEGISLATURE appropriated out of the Treasury, THE ENORMOUS SUM OF \$12,992,370!!—a much larger amount than was ever appropriated by any previous Legislature—and all of which COMES OUT OF THE POCKETS OF THE PEOPLE.

By comparing the last three years in which the Whigs have been in power, with the last three in which the Democrats were in power, it appears that THE WHIGS SPENT \$356,394 MORE THAN THE DEMOCRATS in repairing and superintending the Canals:—and \$74,469 MORE THAN THE DEMOCRATS for tending the locks:—nearly \$50,000 MORE THAN THE DEMOCRATS for repairing public buildings, expenses of the Legislature and clerk hire:—and SPENT MORE FOR PUBLIC PRINTING IN THESE THREE YEARS THAN THE DEMOCRATS EVER DID IN TEN YEARS!

Of course, this increase of expenditure demands an increase of income. Consequently, THE LAST WHIG LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW FOR DOUBLING THE STATE TAX, by which every man who now pays ONE dollar, will be compelled to pay TWO.

If THE WHIGS are permitted to control the money to be raised under the NINE MILLION LAW, they will do hereafter as they have done heretofore, viz:—WASTE A LARGE SHARE OF THE FUNDS—STOP WORK ON THE CANALS—TURN THOUSANDS OF LABORERS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT—BANKRUPT THE TREASURY, and INCREASE THE TAXES.

The only REMEDY for present and coming evils is, TO RESTORE THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR CANALS AND FINANCES TO SOUND DEMOCRATIC HANDS.

**The Party that Built our Canals is alone  
Competent to Complete them.**

Who OUGHT to be beaten this Fall?

THE WHIGS!

Who WILL be beaten?

THE WHIGS!

**PUSH ON THE COLUMN!**