

quires, is the certificate of the President and Directors of a company organized agreeably to law?

If not, then I ask your opinion and advice upon a second question, viz: Has the Maryland Canal Company been organized agreeably to law?

To enable you to give it, I accompany this by all the evidence with which I have been furnished this moment, by the Secretary of the company, upon my application to the President.

The pressing circumstances of time and interest, which the President pro. tem. of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company has represented to me, to induce the subscription of the State to the stock of that company before the 1st October, oblige me to send them at once to you, and to suggest the expediency of postponing the second inquiry, if your opinion on the first question be affirmative.

In aid of the second enquiry, I have been orally referred by the Secretary of the Maryland Canal Company, to

ch. 166, of 1825,
 ch 180, of 1825,
 res. no. 54, of 1825,
 ch. 104, of 1827,
 ch. 64, of 1828,
 ch 248, of 1835,

And to the report of the Board of Public Works, and communication of the Governor, to the General Assembly of 1827.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE MACKUBIN,
 Treas. W. Shore, Md.

20th September, 1836.

No. 8.

Letter of the Attorney General to George Mackubin, Treasurer of the Western Shore.

CAMBRIDGE, Sept. 20th, 1836.

Dear Sir—

By your letter of this day, you propound the following question for my official opinion, whether with reference to the proposed subscription of this State to the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, now applied for under the circumstances stated by you, the treasurer is to assume the certificate purporting to be the certificate of the President and Directors of the Maryland Canal Company, is such as the act requires?

I have examined the statement of your letter, the form of the certificate presented to you, and the act in relation to that subject, and am of opinion, that the treasurer is authorized and may accept