

Sir

Council Chamber Annapolis March 4th 1823

In conformity with the directions of the Legislature of this State I have the honor to transmit to you the copy of a Resolution passed at the last Session directing the Executive to appoint three Commissioners to lay out, and survey a Route for a Canal, which will connect the waters of the Susquehanna with the city of Baltimore, &c. and have to request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause the same to be laid before the Legislature of the State over which you preside for the purpose of obtaining their consent that the said survey may be made, as far as it extends within the limits of Pennsylvania, and that the said Commonwealth would write in permitting a work of such magnitude and importance.

I have the honour to be with great respect

Your Obedient Servant

Samuel Stevens Junior

To His Excellency the Governor
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Council Chamber Annapolis June 13 1823

Dear Sir

The Executive feel much regret at receiving your resignation as one of the commissioners to examine the route of the contemplated Canal; and hope on mature reflection you will consent to serve. we have been in session and find some difficulty in selecting a Gentleman to fill the vacancy owing principally to the local situation and interest of those we had in view; therefore should it be impracticable for you to act, will you be so good as to inform Mr Pinkney that he may have it in his power to make the Executive acquainted with your determination as early as possible.

I have the Honour to be

Your Obedt servant

Samuel Stevens Junior

William Pice Esquire