

Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road
Company June 29th 1842.

To His Excellency

Francis Thomas
Governor of Maryland

Sir:

Understanding that a number of Military and other parties are desirous of visiting Washington on the 4th July next, provided they could do so at the reduced charge of three dollars for the round trip, and not be obliged to return on the same day, I am instructed to ask of your consent would be given under the act of 1837, and so as to allow the said parties to return on any day not later than the following 6th of July.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. St.

J. J. Alkinson Esq.

Annapolis, June 29th 1842

Sir:

Your letter of this date to Governor Thomas has been received, and he has requested me to inform you in reply, that he declines giving his assent to the reduction of the charge from Baltimore to Washington, and from Washington to Baltimore, on the Washington Rail Road as suggested.

Very Respectfully

Yr. obt. St.

Jno. C. Seligman

J. J. Alkinson Esq.

Secy of Balto & Ohio Rail Road Co.

State Department

Annapolis July 18th 1842.

Gentlemen:

I am requested by His Excellency, the Governor, to inform you, that notwithstanding his anxiety to do so, he cannot consistently with the rule which he has found it necessary to prescribe for his action, grant the request you make in your communication of the 7th inst.

It will readily occur to you, that the discretionary power with which he is invested was designed by the Legislature to be exercised only on such occasions as to make it indispensably necessary, and on reflection you will, I am sure agree that ^{this} is not such a one. There are so many applications from Temperance, Religious, Political and other associations to have the fare reduced on the Washington Branch of the road, that it is impossible to gratify all; and strict impartiality forbids that the favor