

Although this letter is written in compliance with an official obligation, I avail myself of the occasion to renew to you, personally, the assurance of the sincere esteem and regard of

Your obedient servant,

C. F. MERCER,
President of the Chesapeake
and Ohio Canal Company.

To *Philip E. Thomas, Esq.*
President of the Baltimore and
Ohio Rail Road Company.

Baltimore, 25th February, 1829.

C. F. MERCER. Esquire:

Respected Friend: A letter under thy frank, addressed to my father, was this day received.

I regret that he is confined by a catarrhal affection, accompanied by considerable fever, which renders it imprudent for him to attend to any business. When he has so far recovered as to admit of it, (which I hope will be in a few days,) thy letter shall be handed to him.

Very respectfully,

EVAN PHILIP THOMAS.

*Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company,
22d March, 1829.*

Respected Friend: I observe by thy communication, under date of the 7th of this month, addressed to the Committee of the House of Delegates of Maryland, on Internal Improvements, that the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company are preparing "to begin condemnations of land for the route of the Canal at the Point of Rocks, and regularly descend from thence to Georgetown."

As it will be the earnest desire of the Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, in the prosecution of the work in which they are engaged, to forbear as far as possible any measures which could, in the remotest degree, interfere with the accommodation of the Canal, or occasion the slightest interruption to that un-