

election of the president and directors, as was proposed in the course of the proceedings; for the reason, among others, stated by the stockholders who submitted the proposition, that our colleague, Charles Goldsborough, was absent: to whom I had written, to apprise him of the meeting and invite his attendance, as will be seen by the following answer—

*Letter from Charles Goldsborough.*

CAMBRIDGE, E. S. Md., June 11, 1833.

JAMES W. McCULLOH, *Esq.*, *Baltimore.*

*Sir*,—Your favor of the 27th ult. came to my hands in three or four days after its date. A respectful regard for what I feel to be in some degree a personal attention, would have induced me to reply to it by the first mail, if I had known by what particular address the immediate receipt of my letter could be insured, during the probably short period of your detention, in the District, on the business about which you wrote to me. Allow me now to say, that it was with much mortification and regret that I found it impossible, owing to particular and indispensable engagements at the time to obey your invitation, even so obligingly communicated as it was, so as to reach Washington by the following Monday.

To vindicate myself against the imputation of any disregard of duty, it is but just to say, that I have not received any official notification of the appointment, to which a paragraph in a newspaper placed my name, in association with Mr. Forrest and yourself; and that until the receipt of your letter I had no information upon the subject, of which I should have felt myself justified in taking notice. It is proper to add, that collecting from your communication, that the only, or most important business to be transacted at the meeting mentioned by you, was the election of a President of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, for the ensuing year, and not anticipating any difference of sentiment, or preference between Mr. Forrest and yourself, I considered my presence by no means important, with reference to that object. It appears by the *Intelligencer*, which I received this afternoon, that in this impression I was mistaken, and I cannot forbear to express my sincere regret, that the vote of Maryland should have been lost, on a question which seems to have much more warmth and anxiety, than I was aware of. The great interest I feel in the internal improvements now going on, in which our state is concerned, will induce me to make it a point to attend, any and all future meetings of the commissioners, if I am apprised of them in due time; of the one which has recently passed, I should have been uniformed, if it had not been for the obliging favor of your letter.

I am sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. GOLDSBOROUGH.