

MECHANICS BANK OF BALTIMORE, }  
 JANUARY 18, 1834. }

To the hon. Arnold E. Jones, Chairman  
 of the Committee of Ways and Means:  
 House of Delegates.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, together with the accompanying orders of the House of Delegates, and having submitted the whole to the Board of Directors of this Bank, I am instructed to reply to it as follows:—

By the first section of the charter, the capital of the bank is fixt at one million of dollars, divided into 40,000 shares, of \$25 each.

On 4000 shares the full amount of \$25 each was paid, making	\$100,000
And on 36,000 shares the sum of \$15 per share was paid, making	540,000

The whole amt. of capital paid was therefore \$640,000

In consequence of losses sustained by the Bank the capital stock thereof had become considerably impaired, and on application to the Legislature, an act was passed at December session, 1821, chapter 167, by the first section of which the capital stock was reduced to \$600,000 divided into share of \$15 each. Of the original amount of 640,000 dollars of the capital paid in, the Bank had sustained losses to the amount of \$256,000, leaving the present available capital of \$384,000. By the second section of the above act of 1821, the shares on which \$25 was paid were rated at \$15, and those on which \$15 was paid were rated at \$9, and the holders of the latter authorised upon payment of \$6 per share, to receive a certificate of full paid shares. It will, therefore, appear that of the reduced capital of \$600,000 there only remains the sum of \$216,000 unpaid.

The Board are willing to offer to the Stockholders the privilege of paying \$6 more upon the 36,000 shares now rated at \$9, which will amount to the above mentioned deficiency of \$216,000, and they presume it would be readily embraced.

The subscription by this bank to the stock of the Cumberland road was \$42,400, to the Boonsborough road, it was \$4,720, making an aggregate of \$47,120, besides the annual school tax of twenty cents on every \$100 of capital paid as bonus for renewals of the charter with a valuable exclusive privilege. This privilege has been much impaired by the establishment of a number of institutions with