

Ordered, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Etimian Pinkney three hundred and seventy five dollars, for one quarters salary, as clerk of the Council due the first Instant.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr. James Holland one hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty seven cents for one quarters salary as messenger of the Council due the first Instant.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. John Eager Howard Junr. one hundred and thirty three dollars and fifty cents for one quarters salary as a member of the Council, due as above.

Extract of a letter from the Honourable John Eager Howard Junr. to the President and managers of the Cumberland Turnpike Road.

Gentlemen,

The Resolution of the General Assembly to which your attention is invited is founded upon a deep conviction of the vast importance of the Bank road to the essential interest of Maryland: Considering that road as a part of the great highway, which will form the best, the shortest and the most eligible route from the Atlantic to the Western Waters it naturally would be the wish of the State to lend her aid to it. The immense advantages which would result to her citizens by proposing in favour of this route, the transportation of Merchandise passing every year over the Allegany mountains are sufficient to induce her to protect, and cherish it by every means in her power.

But in case there should be a disposition on the part of the State to appropriate the proceeds of any particular Tax, or special Fund to the improvement of the road with the view of lessening the Tolls and thereby offering additional encouragement to travellers to prefer this route; it must not be evident, that such an appropriation would be liable to objections, while the road continued the private property of the Banks - It was therefore thought, that the property of the Road should be vested in the State before any system of encouragement on the part of the State could be effectually developed, and it is improbable from the present funds that any absolute purchase could be made to so large an amount. A medium course was suggested, as one which would effectually answer every purpose in view by the Banks and the State - It is that the State should be put in possession of the Road, engaging the Banks a certain rate of Interest on the capital expended, the Road being put