

of Maryland almost alone, there ought to be no diversity of sentiment, as to the justice and patriotism of endeavoring to open a Canal Communication from Cumberland to the water. This is due to the creditors of the Company whose chances of being remunerated for their labors are gloomy indeed, if the work is left, as it now is, a costly ruin. It is due to the public creditors, that a strenuous effort should be made to adopt some measure to render available the large investments of the State in that company. In their opinions all the humane, patriotic and unprejudiced amongst our constituents may concur. But it is no easy task to point out a mode, in which these desirable results are to be attained. With a full view of the whole subject before them, the President and Directors of the Company, have recommended a measure which is submitted respectfully, to your consideration. Nothing, however, has occurred to change the opinions expressed in the annual message of last year, when the policy to be pursued in the completion of the Canal was briefly examined.

Looking to the essential central position of our State in the Union, with her noble bay and flourishing Commercial Emporium, ensuring all the advantages of an extended and profitable commerce with other nations; considering that Maryland is rich in Mineral, agricultural, manufacturing and mechanical resources; and confiding in the bold enterprise, the acknowledged patriotism, and high sense of honor of our constituency, we may confidently predict, that the day is not far distant, when our State, released from the shackles of bad laws, and of oppressive taxation, will come into view with the most favored of her sister States, in the resistless progress all are making to prosperity happiness and power, not to be rivalled by other nations of the earth. In any measure calculated to hasten the coming of such a day and such a destiny, for our common Country, the Senate and House are advised, that the whole Constitutional power of the Executive will be most promptly and cheerfully exercised.

signed) Francis Thomas.

December 27th 1843

The Governor to day sent the following message to the House of Delegates:

To the Honorable

The General Assembly:

I have the honor to submit, the report of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and also, the report of the Superintendent of the National Road West of Cumberland.

Francis Thomas

December 29th 1843

This day the Governor admitted the forfeited recognizance entered into by William Rice for the appearance of John Rice before Baltimore City Court to answer the charge of an assault upon Elizabeth Osborne, the same being recommended by the Judges of Baltimore City Court.

December 29th 1843

This day remitted a remitted a fine of thirty dollars imposed upon Patrick