

regulated in Baltimore, and those adjusted by the Standard  
keepers in the counties. The result has been that the Baltimore  
Standard both of weights and measures now governs all the  
Dealings and business of the State.

I am Sir with much respect  
your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

The Honble  
John Quincy Adams  
Secretary of State of  
the United States

Charles Goldsborough

In Council December 3<sup>d</sup> 1819

Sir

In forwarding a copy of the resolution passed by the Legislature  
of this State, it seems almost unnecessary to point out more particularly,  
than is done in the Resolution itself, the objects of primary importance in  
any General scheme of internal improvement. It may be observed however,  
that the passage of the resolution indicates the General sentiment of Maryland  
that such an application of the means which Congress possess is proper and right,  
and at the same time leaves no doubt as to the wishes of the people of this State.  
Should Congress determine on any such plan, the details will of course be arranged  
at the time, as to the specific objects of appropriation; but it will perhaps not be  
useless to glance at the General views here taken of the objects mentioned in the resolution.

The Susquehanna differs from other Atlantic rivers in some points  
which seem particularly to recommend it to the attention of Congress. Rising partly  
in the State of New York, it passes within a few miles of the lakes in the  
interior of that State; and there already exists, by means of a twinpike road, a  
good communication between the two. Another branch rises so far in the Western  
part of Pennsylvania, that it may be said almost to break thro' the chain of  
the Allegany mountains, which present in every other instance a dividing ridge  
between the rivers flowing to the East and those which turn to the Great  
Mississippi Valley. These branches uniting, pass thence through the very