

One of the convicts (Samuel Brown) appears to be a slave. The Law requires that he should be sold by order of the Court before whom he was convicted, and the money arising from the sale be deposited by the Keeper of the Penitentiary in some Bank in the City of Baltimore for the use of the County in which the conviction took place."

Joseph Carey Esq  
Keeper of the Penitentiary  
Baltimore

Respectfully Your Ob. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Wm. Cullbreth Clerk

Council Chamber Annapolis Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1825

By direction of His Excellency the Governor, I beg leave to call your attention to the act of the last Session of the General Assembly of this State, confirming the act of the General Assembly of Virginia incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

You will perceive that subscribers to the stock of this Company are authorized to pay their subscriptions with certificates of stock in or debts due by the late Potomac Company. The State of Maryland is both a stock holder and creditor of the late Potomac Company, to a considerable amount and it is believed to be desirable that an interest therein be invested in the stock of the new Company. How, or by whom, is this to be done? No person is designated by Law to subscribe on behalf of the State. Can any person be clothed with this authority otherwise than by a Legislative act? Can the Governor alone or with the Council authorize the subscription, and confer legal authority upon an agent to subscribe? And finally, Can the Executive acquire for the State a legal title to stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company by investing his interest in the late Potomac Company by any and, if any, by what means?

Please answer these questions, or such of them as may be necessary, as soon as convenient, as His Excellency is anxious to be being prepared to act (if he can act at all) by the time the Commissioners meet, which it is understood will be soon.

I have the honor to be,  
with great respect,  
Your Ob. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Thomas Hill Esq  
City Clerk  
Balt.

Wm. Cullbreth Clerk