

Council Chamber
Philadelphia August 23rd 1832.

Gentlemen,

The memorial which you addressed to the Governor & Council, in compliance with a Resolution of the City Council of Baltimore, praying them to instruct the Attorney General of the State to procure and injunction to prevent the repairing the Dams and obstructions now, in part, removed by the late flood in the Susquehanna River, and also an injunction to prevent the use of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal or any part thereof, until the State of Pennsylvania shall conform to the provisions under which the Charter of the said Canal Company was granted, by the State of Maryland, by removing effectually and entirely the three Dams erected under Authority of said State in the River Susquehanna, and by that means rendering the River again a Public highway, was taken into consideration at the late meeting, and I was instructed in reply thereto, to forward you a copy of an Opinion of the Attorney General, obtained last Winter, upon the subject to which your memorial relates.

The General Assembly having at its late Session ~~and~~ requested His Excellency the Governor forthwith to take such measures as he, by and with the advice and consent of the Council might deem expedient to prevent the re-construction or repair of the Dams in the Susquehanna River, which had then recently been carried away, His Excellency immediately applied to the Attorney General of the State for his Opinion and advice upon the subject, and was promptly furnished with that Opinion, as directed I herewith send you a copy. And I beg leave to add that His Excellency the Governor, by advice of the Council, shortly after receiving the Opinion of the Attorney General addressed to His Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania a letter of which the enclosed is a copy. No reply to this communication having as yet been received, the attention of Governor Wolf has again been called to the subject.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
A. C. Smith

William Wynn Jones, }
Benedict O. Sanders, } issues a joint
William H. Hanson, } committee of the
Samuel Moore } City Council of
James South } Baltimore.