

with the terms of the Law, viz upon a certificate from yourself or the Brigade Inspector that the Company has at least 48 Men in uniform, and upon the filing of a sufficient Bond for the return of the arms when called for.

I enclose you a blank Bond. The Penalty should be double the value of the Army-Muskets and accoutrements and estimated at \$15 each.

Very respectfully  
Obedt Servt  
H. F. Culbreth

Executive Department  
Council Chamber Annapolis Md 18 1834

Sir,

By an act of the General Assembly passed at December Session 1832 of which, at your request, an authenticated copy was transmitted to you on the 29th day of March 1833) the consent of this State was given to a change in the location of a part of the Cumberland National Road within our limits, upon certain conditions: among which, that a good and substantial stone bridge shall be made over the Mill Race in the Town of Cumberland, and over Miles Creek, at the place crossing, and that substantial stone bridges or culverts shall be made whenever the same may respectively be necessary along the line of said Road." By the same act John Hoyle & Meshech Frost Esquires and the Super-intendant for the time being of the said Road, appointed by the President of the United States, were appointed commissioners to report the said National Road when finished and repaired within the limits of this State, to the Governor and Council."

A communication has been received from John Hoyle Esquire, in which he states, that the War Department has now directed and contracted to have all the Bridges on the said new location built of wood. I beg leave to call your attention to this subject, in the fullest confidence that there has been some mistake or misapprehension on the part of some of the agents or persons employed upon the work in question, and that you will cause the terms and conditions upon which the consent of the State was given to the proposed improvement to be respected and carried into effect.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lewis Cass  
Secy of War  
Washington.

With great respect I have the  
Honor to be your Obedt Servt  
James Thomas

Council Chamber  
Annapolis Sept 15 1834

Dear Sir,

Upon receipt of your letter of the 28 ultimo His Excellency the Governor addressed a letter to the Secretary of War, of which I send you a copy. The Governor left here last week, and by the mail today the communication from the Secretary of War (which I enclose you a copy) was received.

John Hoyle Esquire  
Cumberland

Very respectfully  
Obedt Servt  
H. F. Culbreth  
of the Council