

financial affairs of the state, are exclusively under the control of the legislative branch of the government; and, as the period is near at hand when the legislature will assemble, it is to be hoped, that that body will adopt some measure to change the present aspect of things.

Regretting, sir, the existence of that system of legislation which involves the state without at the same time providing the means for the liquidation of its engagements, and my inability to give you the assurance of the present ability of the Treasurers to pay the dividends due on its stock,

I have the honor to remain,

To J. N. Buldjo Esq.
Rutland Gate, Hyde Park
London.

Very Respectfully Yr Obedt Servt
Geo. C. Seligman

State Department
Dec 6th 1842

Gentlemen:

That I may be able to form a correct opinion as to the condition of the finances of the state of Maryland, I shall be much indebted to you for answers to the following interrogatories.

What is the amount of Capital, paid up in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, distinguishing the amount, paid by the state of Maryland, the city of Baltimore and individuals?

What was the amount of the debts of the Company on the 1st of October 1842 exclusive of the debt contracted to construct the Washington Branch?

What is the amount of money expended in the construction of the road from Baltimore to Cumberland, including the viaducts, distinguishing the amount expended on the Road from Baltimore to Harper's ferry?

What was the amount of receipts on the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road in the year ending Oct 1st 1842?

What amount has been expended on said Road in the construction of Cars and Locomotives and in the establishment of depots and water stations.

Asking the favour of you to communicate an answer to these queries as soon as your convenience will permit
I am,

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Francis Thomas
Baltimore 18th Feb 1843.

His Excellency
Gov. Francis Thomas

Dear Sir: When I had the pleasure of seeing you at Annapolis, a few days since, you gave me your verbal interpretation of the law authorizing the Bonds to issue & pay out notes of a less denomination than Five dollars. That interpretation was quite sufficient for