

Mr. B. Tyler Esq.
 C. M. Frederick City Court
 Dr. Sir

Ex. Department
 July 29th 1847

I have received the application of the Levy Court of Frederick County asking that Jos. Plummer James should be sent as a pupil of the State to the Pennsylvania Institution for the education of the Deaf & Dumb -

I received in the same paper the certificate of the Register of Mills of your County showing that Mr. Plummer James has been appointed & bonded as guardian of said J. S. James & thereby showing that the applicant is not an indigent deaf & dumb child -

The Act of 1827 Ch. 140 requires that the Levy Court should certify that the person in favour of whom the application is made is an indigent child between the ages of twelve & twenty five of sound mind &c. - If this person really comes within the provisions of the Act of 1827 I will thank you to forward to me a certificate drawn in conformity with the provisions of that Act -

Very Respt. &c

Thos. G. Pratt

Hon. Paul Sprigg
 Chairman of the Board of State Agents

Ex. Department
 July 31st 1847

Dr. Sir

I have received from the Attorney of the Contractors for the completion of the Ches. & O. Canal the enclosed paper, which I beg leave to refer to the consideration of the State Agents. I am officially informed that the Maryland Car Co. has procured provided the Canal Co. will agree to execute the Mortgage which I enclose -

I have examined this Mortgage with care & have also submitted it to the consideration of the Attorney Genl. of Maryland who concurs with me in opinion that the Mortgage in formance substance is unobjectionable -

showing your anxiety to have this great work completed I shall interest confidence in the action of the State Agents upon this subject -

There is another subject of deep interest to the State to which I ask permission to call your attention -

You are aware that the Balt. & O. R. R. Co. hold three millions of the Bonds of the State originally granted by the State to the Co. for the completion of their Road to the Ohio River - You have seen that this Co. have decided to make the Road to Wheeling & you are aware of the general opposition which prevails that the Co. intend to negotiate those Bonds at once