

Office Balto. & Susq. R.R. Co.
Baltimore Oct 16. 1849

His Excellency
P. S. Thomas

Governor of the State of Maryland

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3^d Inst. in which you remark "your payments in the course of the fiscal year have reached the handsome sum of \$70,000. and that you had learned another payment of \$50,000 was to be made" and asking if the Company could promise to pay the full interest due the State the coming year.

The payment of the further sum of \$50,000 will be made in a short time; the delay in this reply was my desire to submit your letter to the Board. The Board request me to assure to you their thanks for the manner in which you notice the payments made on account of the interest due the State, but they regret they cannot anticipate your wishes, that the full annual interest due the State can be expected during the coming fiscal year.

The revenues of this Company dependant as they now are entirely on Canal Communications with the coast, which from various causes are liable always to frequent and protracted interruptions, admonish the Board of Directors not to create expectations, which may not be fully realized. When the Company resume the payment of their current interest, it is highly important both to the State and the Company that the resumption should be permanent, and with a view to that object the Board deem it their duty to prepare for the increased work to be performed on the completion of the extension Rail Road, on the east & west sides of the Susquehanna river, both of which connect with the Pennsylvania Rail Road at Harrisburg, the entire line of which is now in rapid state of completion to Pittsburg. This increased work will require the Company to complete Cabot Cars now about one half paid for, with a large addition to the Locomotives, Burden & Passenger Cars, while for an extension of sidings and to replace defective Bars, about 400 tons of new Rails will be required during the next fiscal year.

I am therefore requested by the Board, to ask you not to estimate the payments to the State during the next fiscal year higher than \$70,000.

The Board are induced to believe from the lively interest which you have at all times manifested towards this Company, but more particularly from the complimentary manner in which you have thought proper to notice their efforts to relieve it from its financial embarrassments and place it in the proud position of a paying Company at the earliest practicable date, that you will not only approve their policy, but grant their request.

I am also requested to ask the honor of your making another excursion over our Road, and if it should meet your wishes to extend the trip as far as Harrisburg, that you may personally see the important connections about being made by our Rail Road - should you accept I hope you will depart an early day.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
your obt. servt
(Signed) R. M. Magraw President