

at the State line.

Your excellency will perceive at a glance, the importance of the contemplated improvement. The citizens of the Seaboard section of this commonwealth feel a deep interest in its success. It will afford them a connection directly by rail road with the great cities of the North, induce a more intimate trade between the North and South, and be one of the great thoroughfares for travel, bridging the two sections mutually to each other. Virginia has not been unmindful of the comity and reciprocal obligations which should exist between neighboring states, and she doubts not that a measure so reasonable in itself, will receive the approbation of the State of Maryland, and that the facilities she asks will be readily accorded. Permit me to commend the subject to the particular consideration of your Excellency, and to request that it may be presented to the General Assembly of your State.

Very respectfully

Yours &c

J. Johnson

His Excellency

The Governor of the  
State of Maryland.

Executive Department

Annapolis, Md.

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1853.

His Excellency

The Governor of Virginia

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> with enclosed copies of a resolution and Act of the General Assembly of Virginia in relation to the North & South Rail Road Company; which I transmitted to the General Assembly of Maryland, on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst, with a special message, inviting an early consideration of the subject referred to.

I have the honor to be

With very great respect,

Yr. Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

E. Louis Lowe

His Ex.  
Gov. Lowe  
in reply  
to the  
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