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that if the plan adopted by the President, should require water to be drawn from any source within the limits of Maryland, the assent of the Legislature of that State should first be obtained. And another Act prohibits the expenditure of public money upon any land purchased by the United States, until the consent of the Legislature of the State, in which the land may be, shall be given to said purchase.

I have, therefore the honor to request that the assent of the Legislature of Maryland, be given to the use of such water as may be found necessary in the execution of the work above provided for, and the purchase of such land, as may be required for that purpose. I enclose the draught of an act which would meet the views of this Department.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed Servt
Jeffn Davis
Secretary of War

His Excellency
Enoch Louis Lowe,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Executive Department,
Annapolis, Md.
March 24th 1853.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of War:
Sir:

In my absence from the seat of Government, your communication of the 10th instant was received.

I have this day transmitted to the General Assembly, copies of your letter, and of the accompanying draft of a law, which you say will meet the views of your Department. I have invited the early attention of the Legislature to the matter.

With great respect
Yours Obed Servt
E. Louis Lowe.
