

Baltimore 16<sup>th</sup> December 1856

To His Excellency  
 Thos. W. Ligon  
 Governor of Maryland

Dr Sir.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1856 the resolution a copy of which is herewith enclosed was passed by a vote of the board and the same with a rule is respectfully submitted for your approval

Respy Yours

E. H. Cunningham, Secy.

"Resolved. That the Governor of this State having designated to-morrow as a day of general thanksgiving, it be observed in this Institution in accordance with his proclamation, and that a rule be forwarded to His Excellency for his approval for the observance of Thanksgiving day hereafter in this prison"

Rule

For the government of the Maryland Penitentiary on Thanksgiving Day

Whenever the Governor of Maryland shall by proclamation recommend to the Citizens of this State the observance of a certain day for public thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the Director of the Maryland Penitentiary shall direct the same rules and regulations to be allowed in said institution for that day as are now enforced, or should be, on Sunday & Christmas, any previous rule to the contrary notwithstanding

Approved by His Excellency, Thos. W. Ligon Decr. 14<sup>th</sup> 1856.

To His Excellency  
 Thomas W. Ligon  
 Governor of Maryland

Sir.

The undersigned directors on the part of the State on the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, feel it to be their duty in their official capacity, to call your Excellency's attention to a very important subject connected with the affairs of the Company.

It is well known to your Excellency, that the Company in consequence of the inadequacy of its Capital, had for many years been obliged to resort to loans, and to use the revenues received by it whilst in an unfinished condition for the purpose of accomplishing the object of its incorporation, the building of a Rail Road from Baltimore to Wheeling. By the aid of these resources and the additional contributions from the State, the City of Baltimore