

sonal feelings towards its presiding officer urgently prompt, and my general interest in whatever may contribute to the prosperity of our common country, not only recommends, but requires of me.

Very respectfully, I am, your obedient servant,
C. F. MERCER,
President of the Chesapeake
and Ohio Canal Company.

Philip E. Thomas, Esq.,
President of Baltimore and
Ohio Rail Road Company.

Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company,
April 16, 1829.

Respected Friend:

I have thy favor of the 10th of this month, and am very much gratified to learn that it is not the intention of the Canal Company to place their work under construction so near to the ground in dispute between our respective Companies as to occasion any possible interruption to the party to whom the chance of way at that place may hereafter be adjudged. The rail Road Company will strictly adhere to this understanding, and will not, in the construction of the Road, approach so near the point in dispute as in any event to interrupt, or interfere with the Canal, but will, until the settlement of the pending controversy, limit its operations to a point, whence the road may be prolonged on either side of the river, as circumstances shall hereafter indicate.

When we commence the construction of the Road near to the Point of Rocks, I will give due information to thee and would respectfully invite the attendance of an agent on thy part of the Canal Company, in order that the point of our beginning may be so adjusted, as to meet the approbation of that Company; and I will in like manner, if desired, either attend in person, or send one of our engineers to attend at the time of your fixing the line for the prolongation of the Canal westward of the 84th section.

I am, very respectfully, thy friend, &c.

P. E. THOMAS,
President of the Baltimore and
Ohio Rail Road Company.

Charles F. Mercer, Esq.
President of the Chesapeake
and Ohio Canal Company.