

of our common country, not only recommends, but requires of me.

Very respectfully, I am your ob't ser'nt.

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[No. 6.]

Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Co. }
April 16th, 1829. }

CHARLES F. MERCER, Esq.

President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.

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 choice 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 the 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 eighty-fourth section.

I am very respectfully, &c.

Signed, P. E. THOMAS, President.