

and aid on their part to the execution of the commission from chancery to Mr. Knight and Mr. Roberts.

The arrival of Mr. Roberts, of which you inform me, will enable the commissioners to make their preparatory arrangements, of selecting surveyors, chain carriers, &c. and receiving the instructions, from the solicitors of each party, as to the surveys to be made, which of course will be given in writing.

The commission being issued at the instance of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, the first instructions must be from them, and probably are in the possession of Mr. Roberts; if so, we shall be glad to receive a copy of them, as early as may be convenient, that there may be as little delay as possible, in preparing or doing, what may be necessary on our part. The other counsel are all, at present, in Annapolis, but I have almost daily opportunity of communicating with them.

I am sincerely your's,

Signed, WM. GWYNN.

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CANAL OFFICE, Washington, D. C. }
Feb'y 15th, 1830. }

Dear Sir,—Mr. Nathan S. Roberts, a civil engineer, in the service of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, lately appointed by the chancellor of Maryland, in conjunction with Mr. Knight, to survey the ground in dispute between our companies, will have the pleasure of handing to you this letter, and of concerting, with your approbation, a suitable day to meet Mr. Knight, at the "Point of Rocks," in order to enter upon the duty of their joint commission.

The anxiety of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, to bring to a speedy issue, the long depending and very inconvenient controversy between them and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, induces me to express the hope, that it may suit you to name an early day for the commissioners, Messrs. Roberts and Knight, to begin their survey, and that you will concur with me in desiring them to bring it to the earliest practicable termination.

The Court of Appeals of your state, will meet in June next;