

deputed to deliberate and report thereon, that the result will be mutually satisfactory to the parties concerned,—and that every thing will have been done, calculated to conciliate and harmoniously promote the interest of the two companies.

I am, gentlemen, with sentiments of great respect, &c.

Signed, JOHN B. MORRIS,
Pres. pro. tem. of the B. & O. R. R. C.

(No. 29.)

*Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Co. }
 April 22d, 1830 }*

To the President and Directors of the

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company.

GENTLEMEN,—On my return to this city, after an absence of some days, a communication from your President under date of the 9th of this month, inclosing a Resolution of your board, passed on the 7th inst. was received, together with a copy of a letter “recently received from a highly respectable Engineer in their service.” These documents were as early as possible after my return, submitted to the Directors of this Company, and, while I am instructed to assure you of the sincere regret, and concern which the board feel, on account of the delay of which you complain, I am also desired to inform you that this delay has not been occasioned by any want of effort, on their part, to expedite the examinations proposed at the Point of Rocks, nor will any exertion hereafter be omitted to effect an early and satisfactory adjustment of the controversy which has unhappily arisen between the two companies, in relation to their respective rights along the passes of the Potomac River.

It will be recollected, that the proposal for an amicable effort to effect a compromise of our conflicting dispute, in regard to the right of way, between Harper’s Ferry and the Point of Rocks, come from this company; your concurrence in this measure was made known to us on the 8th March. The board, in order that no time might be lost, advised you on the 9th of the same month, of its ratification of the proposal as accepted by you, and, on the 11th, issued its orders to the commissioners appointed by the Chancellor, a copy of which orders is now enclosed to you. [See letter No. 24.]

The services of the officer who had been selected to make the surveys on the part of this company, were, at the time here referred to, of the utmost importance in the superintendence of the