

works of the company, then carrying on in the neighbourhood of this city; yet the board feeling most anxious that no delay should take place on its part, determined to waive those services here, although at a great sacrifice, and to direct him forthwith to devote himself to the examinations as then agreed upon between you and us.

Previous to his departure, he made arrangements for such assistance as he deemed necessary, in order to enable him to proceed efficiently in the service to which he had been assigned, and left Baltimore expecting to meet those assistants at the time, and place appointed. In this expectation, he was however, disappointed, and after waiting there several days, returned to Baltimore in order to ascertain the reason of this disappointment, which it appears was occasioned by circumstances, over which neither he nor we could have any control.

He returned to the Point of Rocks, as soon as it was in his power, having, as we are informed, previously made an amicable arrangement with your Commissioner, in relation to the manner of proceeding with the work during his absence, and after remaining there a considerable time, co-operating with the other Commissioner, and as we learn, harmoniously advancing in their labours, he again, a few days since, visited this city, for the purpose of procuring additional assistance, with which, without delay, he returned to the Point of Rocks, where he is now occupied in the examinations necessary for the ascertainment of the requisite information, in order to enable the two companies, if possible, amicably to effect an accommodation of their dispute.

No instructions of any description have been given to the Commissioners, or to either of them, except what will be found in the documents now enclosed,* and permit me to assure you, that it is with the most sincere gratification we have heard, that there is every reason to hope the situation of the ground along the Potomac, as far as it has been examined, offers no insuperable obstacle to a friendly adjustment of our controversy, in such a manner as to afford a passage for both the Road and the Canal.

I am very respectfully, &c. &c

Signed, P. E. THOMAS, *Pres.*

B. & O. R. R. Company.

*Copies of the Documents herein referred to, are already in your possession.—[See Letter No. 24]