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Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company,
27th July, 1830.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

GENTLEMEN—Your communication of the 8th inst. transmitting a copy of instructions issued to Jonathan Knight and Nathan S. Roberts, the commissioners appointed by the chancellor of Maryland, to make certain surveys between the Point of Rocks and Cumberland, has been laid before the directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, together with the report of those commissioners.

I am instructed on behalf of the board, to assure you of the high satisfaction they feel in observing from this report, that so great facilities have been found for the canal and rail road along the left bank of the Potomac river, between the Point of Rocks and Harper's Ferry, as to remove all occasion for any further contention between the canal and rail road companies, so far as concerns this part of their respective works, and I am also authorised by the Board to propose to you, that the two companies proceed immediately to such friendly adjustment of their differences at this place, as will enable them harmoniously to prosecute their plans and operations as far as to Harper's Ferry, at which point it has been intimated to us, it is necessary for the canal to be constructed, in order to secure a supply of water, for the sections intermediate to that place and Seneca creek.

The two works being complete to that point, and both being put into operation, a fair opportunity will then be afforded to ascertain which of them will be best calculated to secure the object desired, and as it is of importance to the country, that this experiment be made as soon as circumstances will admit, I am instructed respectfully to request of you, an early consideration of the proposal now submitted, and to assure you, that this company is prepared at once to enter into an amicable arrangement for the confirmation of the location of the two works along this line, and also to co-operate with you in securing the early completion to the point now proposed, upon terms of reciprocal accommodation.

I am very respectfully, &c.

Signed,

PHILIP E. THOMAS, Prest.

B. & O. R. R. Company.