

Its final decision is called for, not only by the liberal subscription of one commonwealth to both works, but by so many important and urgent interests, that we cannot but hope, that it may not longer be delayed by a process so tardy and expensive, as the joint surveys, have already proved to be, and so unnecessary, as they have manifestly become. Among the benefits of such a decision, it is not the least, that by it, all cause of collision between our respective companies would be terminated, in a very small proportion of the time, which a perseverance in those surveys must inevitably consume.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the board,

C. F. MERCER, Prest. C. & O. C. Com.

[ No. 49. ]

Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Co. }  
16th November, 1830. }

*To the President and Directors of the  
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.*

**GENTLEMEN:**—Your letter of the 6th inst. was duly received, and has been laid before the Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company. If this communication is correctly understood by the Board of this Company, it would seem that you are not at the present time disposed to enter into any engagement to compromise the *whole* dispute between the two Companies on any terms, nor even disposed to agree upon a basis on which such a compromise may hereafter be amicably carried into effect. With this understanding, it would be useless, on the part of this Board, to make further attempts at accommodation, and they reluctantly find themselves compelled to consider the negotiation ended; but as their desire, so often expressed, of mutually arranging all difficulties, still continues, they will, at all times, be ready to listen, in a friendly spirit, to any reasonable proposition which may be made on your part, and will be glad to put a speedy end to this unprofitable contention, by any settlement that would be just to both parties, and which would terminate the whole dispute between the two companies.

The directors of the Rail Road Company have read with much surprise those passages in your letter which accuse them of a change in their course of policy, and of departing from a position heretofore taken and made known to your Board; and they regret to find, that a sentence in their communication of January