

the application for aid, did you deem the contingent sum charged an exorbitant demand compared with the services to be rendered?

For the several answers to the above interrogatories, see paper marked S.

BENJ. E. GANTT, *Clk.*

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## APPENDIX

*To the Journal of the Committee on Internal Improvement.*

B. E. Gantt, Clerk. 1839.

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No. 1.

Copy of a letter from James W. McCulloh, Esq., to the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, laid before the Committee on Internal Improvement at their meeting of the 4th February, 1839.

BALTIMORE, 26th Oct. 1836.

*Sir :*

In reply to the inquiry which you have made in pursuance of an order of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to ascertain from me what compensation I offered to Joseph J. Merrick for the services which he rendered as solicitor, in obtaining a loan from the General Assembly of Maryland at December session 1834, '5—I state that I offered him the sum of three thousand dollars, to be paid him by said company *only* in the event of success; and I deem it proper to add, firstly, that I considered that sum but a fair compensation for the services I sought and obtained from him, for I knew to what losses he must be exposed in his other business by devoting his time to this; and I was aware that he was offered, and I know he has received a higher rate of compensation for other and kindred services. Secondly, that when I sought his assistance and obtained it for the company, I was persuaded that his co-operation was essential to the success of the application that was made in its behalf to the General Assembly; and that I found that opinion to be correct in the course of the proceedings which was pursued, and resulted in success. Indeed, I am perfectly satisfied that the application would not have succeeded if his services had not been obtained.

Thirdly, that I applied to Mr. Merrick for his services in the just belief that I was entitled to call to my aid whatever assistance I might deem necessary to the success of said application; because when you proposed to engage my services *professionally* for the company, and I waived that relation on my own behalf,