

and insisted upon the expediency, nay the *necessity* of my acting but as the delegate of the convention and disinterestedly. I also told you that it would be necessary for our success to employ others as counsel; and I then understood you to say, "Certainly, I might have the aid of such counsel as I thought necessary or proper." I wrote immediately to Mr. Merrick, but *circumstances* prevented his coming. These having changed, I wrote again most pressingly to him, and happily prevailed. He joined me, and success followed; but of this I felt no assurance until I obtained *his* co-operation. Lastly, that no step was taken by Mr. Merrick in these proceedings without my full approbation, nor any that was not deemed essential to the success of the application made on behalf of the canal company. I mention this because I know that some persons there ascribed the junction of the aid given to the Susquehanna Rail Road Company with that given to the canal company, to the advice of Mr. Merrick, and thought the latter was exposed to peril by its being connected with the former; but to such persons be it known, that I foresaw the necessity of that junction as far off as when I prepared the preamble and resolutions at Cumberland for the Allegany county meeting that gave rise to the convention whose proceedings fixed the attention of the Governor of Maryland on your work, as to prepare the way for the success that crowned our common efforts. Be it also known, that I advised that junction when it was *first* made, and then insisted upon its being adhered to. I well remember that you doubted its expediency, and that this distressed me; but I felt it to be right, because I knew it to be necessary to our success, and the event proved the correctness of my original impressions. I am now on the wing, my own affairs commanding my attention; but when my convenience will allow me to do so, I will write you fully; also in reply to your inquiry relative to the services of those who assisted me in procuring the late subscription to your company; meanwhile they must endure my delay.

With great respect,

Your ob't serv't,

JAMES W. McCULLOH.

To Geo. C. Washington, President
of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

No. 2.

BALTIMORE, 8th April, 1838.

Gentlemen:

The additional means which you desired in the month of March, 1836, to procure from the State of Maryland for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company having been received, and my attention having been called by Joseph J. Merrick, Esq. to his account for services effectively rendered in obtaining said aid conformably to an agreement which I made with him in that