

that it will in future encounter no serious impediment. I shall not say that your success is in any measure attributable to my labor, interest, or personal sacrifices. It is the province of others to judge of those things. Mr. McCulloh, (the gentleman I have alluded to,) who was with me—Mr. McCulloh to whom the company is entirely indebted for its very existence at this hour—Mr. McCulloh, who disinterestedly gave his great faculties to save you when you were ready to perish, can, if he yet have not, inform you what contract specifically he made with me on your behalf, and whether the aid he contracted for, and obtained, was, or was not of essential use. I presume the board will think it proper to communicate with him upon the subject,—I had rather never more recur to it.

All being over, I returned home gratified and happy, and not less so, because I deemed that the ample recompense I had faithfully earned, as surely and certainly at my command, as if it had been in my pocket, and I never expected to be subjected to the care of a demand, or the pain of expostulation. In regard to one of my constituents (for I was called on by Mr. McCulloh to render similar service to both,) I was not disappointed. The contingent fee agreed upon was one fifth of one per cent. on the loan, and I had scarcely reached home (long before the loan was taken up) when the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company sent me a check for \$2,100, being one hundred dollars more than the contingency agreed upon, accompanied by a letter, in the most handsome terms acknowledging the effective aid which I had rendered. The advantage gained for you was to twice the extent, (and the necessities of your company not less certainly,) the contract was equally binding and entirely similar, yet to my amazement I have heard from the board governing the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company not one word upon the subject. It is to be set down solely as a mark of my hasty credulity, that I counted so strong on this thing as to have made immediate arrangements to invest the money. Some time in last spring or summer, having an assignment from John McPherson Brien, bearing date the previous November, and consequently bearing interest, and the assignment being left in the hands of your clerk, I drew for the \$500, in pure kindness relinquishing six or eight months interest; my right to draw for the sum due me was of course unquestionable, yet the draft was protested, although in three or four days after, it was paid with the cost of protest. Who was benefitted by such a proceeding except the notary public, I never could divine, and have puzzled myself in vain to discover the grace, dignity, wisdom, or justice of the measure.

When the board last summer did me the unexpected honor to ask my services in the acquisition of land, I was reluctant, and very distinctly expressed that reluctance to appear as your counsel in this county. I had tried most of the causes against you; was already engaged in several, and vaguely spoken to in many others that have since taken place; I had reason to believe and to know