

## No. 8.

The president and directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company,  
IN MEETING, MAY 20th, 1835.

A letter was received from Joseph J. Merrick, asking that the draft of J. M. Brien, as the surviving partner of John Brien, drawn in favor of said Merrick, for \$500, may be accepted, being part of the damages awarded to said J. & J. M. Brien, on their land in Washington county, Md., and also asking to know whether the board are apprised of certain engagements made with him last winter by James W. McCulloh, as representing the interests of the canal company at Annapolis.

The board directed that the draft be accepted, and that the clerk inform said Merrick, that none of the members of the board present this day are aware of the existence of any such engagement as that to which his letter refers.

*Copy of the letter written by the Clerk of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, to Mr. Merrick.*

WASHINGTON, 20th May, 1835.

J. J. MERRICK, ESQ.

*Dear Sir* :—Your letter of the 17th instant, was submitted to a meeting of the board of directors of the canal company this day, and I am directed to say, that the draft for the amount of J. M. Brien's order in your favor, say \$500, will be accepted, provided it be not made payable before the 23d June, as we do not expect sooner to be in funds. I am also directed to say, that none of the members of the board present to-day are aware of any engagement made between Mr. McCulloh and yourself last winter.

Very respectfully yours, &c.

J. P. INGLE.

SEPTEMBER 2d, 1835.

A communication was received from the commissioner on the subject of a payment of money to Joseph J. Merrick, for professional services, in the acquisition of land, in Washington county Md.

A letter was also received from said Merrick, stating that he had drawn upon the company for \$500.

It was ordered that the draft be paid, and that said Merrick be requested to furnish an account of his services.

The letter referred to from Mr. Merrick, was sent to the commissioner.

The following letter was addressed by the clerk, to Mr. Merrick, in answer.

CANAL OFFICE, 3d Sept., 1835.

J. J. MERRICK, ESQ.

*Dear Sir* :—Your letter of the 31st, is received, and with re-