

the company or its officers ; and at the same time have shewn that the board is aware of what has been done in the premises.

In reference to so much of your letter as relates to services rendered in Annapolis, I am instructed to say that the board have no knowledge of any arrangement for those services except as stated in this and a former letter from you, to which the board replied ; nor has Mr. McCulloh intimated, or made any communication to the board on this subject.

Your ob't serv't,

J. P. INGLE, Clerk.

This letter was submitted to the board, approved, and the clerk directed to forward it to Mr. Merrick.

IN MEETING, 29th June, 1836.

A letter was received from John A. Abert, enclosing one from Jos. J. Merrick, with a bill claiming three thousand dollars for his services at Annapolis in the winter of 1834 and '5, in procuring the passage of the act entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, and for the completion of the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road to the borough of York in the State of Pennsylvania.

These letters together with all the proceedings of the board on this subject, and the correspondence relating to it were referred to a committee consisting of the president, William Gunton, and Walter Smith.

[See the following letter &c.]

No. 9.

JUNE 23, 1836.

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

GENTLEMEN :—

At the request of Jos. J. Merrick, I lay before the board his claim for professional services for 1835, together with his explanatory statement. This statement was handed to me when in Annapolis last winter, and Mr McCulloch with whom I conversed on the subject assured me that it was correct.

Mr. Merrick in his letter to me says, that these long and repeated absences have made the most serious and permanent impressions upon his professional employ to his great disadvantage.

He desires that his account should be kept separate from that for his services in 1835 and '6, for which to prevent all misunderstanding he has a written agreement with Mr. McCulloh, but which he does not mean to submit until after the decision upon the law by the stockholders.

Mr. Merrick has also requested me to say, that it would be very acceptable to him to have this account liquidated without delay.

Your ob't serv't,

J. J. ABERT.