

claim be paid. We therefore offer the following order: Ordered that the claim of J. J. Merrick, Esq. for professional services at Annapolis in the winter of 1834 and spring of 1835 be paid.

No. 11.

WASHINGTON, April 9th, 1838.

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

GENTLEMEN:—

I lay before you my account against you with evidence fully to sustain it.

My right to the sum charged, became perfect on the act of *subscription* by the Treasurer of Maryland. But in contemplation of the difficulties by which I knew your enterprise to be surrounded, I have refrained from presenting it until all those difficulties have passed away.

The claim being indisputable, I should hope, that it will not be required of me to detail those personal matters which render it necessary for me to ask that it be discharged without delay.

I should be glad to receive the money; but if time be indispensably necessary to the company, will be content to bear the loss to be incurred by negotiating its acceptances, payable in June.

I am, &c.

JOS. J. MERRICK.

## INTERROGATORIES

PROPOUNDED TO

JAMES W. McCULLOH, WITH HIS ANSWERS.

1. When did the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company give you authority to employ counsel to aid in procuring the passage of the eight million loan bill?

Answer. The authority which the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company conferred on me to employ counsel to solicit the passage of an act by the General Assembly of Maryland in aid of said company by loan or subscription, to the extent of three millions of dollars, was given before either the eight million or the ten million internal improvement bills of that session were framed. It related, however, as well to the provisions embodied in those bills, for the construction of their Canal, and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, along the difficult passes of the Potomac, as to the aid which was provided for their company by each of said bills. Towards the close