

of the year 1835, and early in the year 1836, it was known that the loan of ten millions of dollars which Maryland had made to the Canal Company would fall very far short of the sum that was necessary to finish the Canal to Cumberland, and in my intercourse with the president and directors of that company, intimations were repeatedly made that I would have to adopt all proper means to obtain further aid from the Legislature of Maryland, I had been orally applied to at December session 1834, by George C. Washington, president of that company, to act as counsel to solicit a loan or subscription of two millions of dollars from the General Assembly, and had declined his offer for myself, as I did likewise in reply to a similar application, made to me in writing, by Alexander Nisbet, president of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company to solicit aid for it, to the extent of one million of dollars, as will appear from the following copies of his letter and my answer.

*Letter from Alexander Nisbet, President.*

BALTIMORE, 30th December, 1834.

JAMES W. McCULLOH, Esq.,  
Now at Annapolis, Maryland,

DEAR SIR :—

I called at your office this evening, with a view of communicating to you the wish of our board to employ you as counsel in sustaining the application to the Legislature in behalf of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company. Having learnt that you were now at Annapolis, I prefer apprising you by letter, to waiting your return. The memorial has been prepared by the committee appointed by the convention, and will be presented on Monday or Tuesday next.

I shall be able I hope, to have a personal interview with you before that time, when the plan of action and amount of remuneration can be settled.

I remain, respectfully yours,  
(Signed) ALEXANDER NISBET,  
President B. & S. R. R. Co.

*Answer of James W. McCulloh.*

ANNAPOLIS, 2d January 1835.

ALEXANDER NISBET, Esq.,  
President Susquehanna R. R. Co., Baltimore.

DEAR SIR :—

Your letter of the 30th ult. is at hand, apprising me of the wish of the president and directors of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company to employ me as counsel, to sustain their application to the General Assembly for aid, and in reply, after gratefully acknowledging this evidence of their kind consideration, I beg leave to say that I will *fully and zealously* do all that may be