

*Letter from Gen. C. F. MERCER, President, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 1829.

To JAMES W. McCULLOH, Esq.

*Dear Sir,*—I received in the spirit which dictated it, your letter of the 9th February, and expecting to be able to meet you, at Annapolis, have delayed till now, the reply, which I have the pleasure to return to you in the absence of the higher satisfaction which I should have derived from the personal interview, now placed beyond my power, by the near approach of the end of the session of Congress.

The accompanying copy of your letter and transcript from the proceedings of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, in relation to it, manifest the sentiment which will, I trust, always unite the friends of internal improvement, however they may, at any time, differ as to the particular means of giving to it effect. I seize with pleasure the occasion to assure you of the very sincere esteem of, Dear Sir,

Your obedient serv't,

C. F. MERCER.

Gen. Mercer having neglected to keep a copy of his preceding letter, wrote to me in the month of July, 1829, to obtain a copy, and as follows :

*Letter from CHARLES F. MERCER, President, &c. &c.*

ANNAPOLIS, July 24, 1829.

To J. W. McCULLOH, Esq. BALTIMORE :

*Dear Sir,*—Having retained no copy of the letter which, in reply to one from yourself, I had the pleasure of addressing to you last winter, to cover certain resolutions of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, I have to request the favor of you to send me a copy of the original, or to allow me to take a copy from it. My reason for such a request will be explained to you by our common friend, Philip E. Thomas, Esq. who will, I hope, do me the kindness to deliver this to you.

I am, dear sir, with much respect,

Your obedient serv't,

C. F. MERCER.

*Sketch of a letter from JAMES W. McCULLOH in reply to CHAS. F. MERCER, President, &c.*

BALTIMORE, 27th July, 1829.

*Dear Sir,*—In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. asking a copy of one which you addressed to me last winter, conveying certain resolutions of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, arising out of the suggestions,