

and in a conference that I held with the president and directors, it was determined, that an application for a temporary loan should be made to the Bank of the United States: and to increase the chances of success, I invited a large number of the merchants and property holders of Baltimore city, to meet Mr. Washington at Barnum's, in the hope that they would recommend the application of the canal company to the favor of the president and directors of that bank—as they did by appointing a committee to accompany Mr. Washington to Philadelphia for that purpose.

The Bank then consented, September 1834, to lend the company \$200,000, on its corporate bonds and the pledge of its tolls—more than one-half of that sum, \$125,000, to be further and collaterally secured, by the pledge of \$50,000 of the stocks of the District cities, then held by the company, and the remainder of this part, or \$75,000 by the notes of individuals—and of this last amount, the sum of \$56,000 was advanced on the names of individuals, who lent their notes to the company for that purpose; see report made by the president and directors, to a special meeting of the stockholders, convened on the 22d of April, 1835, pages 4, 5.

This negotiation being completed, I next tasked myself, at the informal suggestion of the president, directors and some of the chief stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, to devise appropriate measures to fix the attention of the people of Maryland, emphatically, upon the necessity of immediately extending to the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company sufficient aid, to enable it to complete its work to Cumberland.

To my mind the assembling of a Convention appeared to be the most expedient and ready means of fully accomplishing that object. I therefore determined to advise, that delegates from the District of Columbia, the city of Baltimore, the several counties of Maryland, and the adjoining States should meet in Convention at the city of Baltimore, to confer and determine as to the best manner of obtaining the required aid. The prejudices existing and cherished by portions of the people in several counties of the State of Maryland, against even the ordinary purposes and plans of the city of Baltimore, admonished me not to allow the call for said Convention to proceed *ostensibly* from its inhabitants.

I, therefore, through the co-operation of John S. Shriver and Joseph Shriver, procured a public notice to be issued at Cumberland, inviting the citizens of Allegany county, to assemble at that town on Saturday the 18th day of October, 1834, to consider what measures should be adopted to hasten the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. To this meeting I repaired, in company with John S. Shriver, Joshua Jones, and my sons, John and Richard. On the 17th day of October, 1834, being at Cumberland, I agreed to prepare the following preamble and resolutions, for the consideration of the meeting, and they were submitted by Bene S. Pigman, as chairman of a committee, appointed