

*Letters from James W. McCulloh, referred to the committee on Internal Improvement, 1839.*

*Baltimore, 6th January, 1836.*

DEAR SIR,—For a retaining fee of five hundred dollars to be paid to me, I will take charge of the affairs of your company, touching the procurement of a subscription to its capital stock by the State to the amount of three millions of dollars, the further sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to me, in the event of a subscription being obtained to the amount of three millions of dollars, or in proportion for any less sum the State may agree to subscribe and which the company may accept; with the understanding also that said compensation shall be in full satisfaction of the services of such persons as I may call to my assistance in the aforesaid business.

Very truly yours,

JAS. WM. McCULLOH.

TO PHILIP E. THOMAS, Esq., President B. & O. R. R. Co.

Copy of receipt filed with the Treasurer, Baltimore, 4th March, 1836. Received from P. E. Thomas, President of the B. & O. R. R. Co. five hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety cents.  
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JAS. WM. McCULLOH.

*Baltimore, 25th May, 1836.*

DEAR SIR,—You can well imagine my distress on yesterday morning, when upon my meeting with Mr. Stimpson on board of the steamboat, he followed up the remark, “that he was going down to Annapolis to oppose the desire of your company to obtain aid from the General Assembly,” by putting into my hands a copy of a publication entitled “an appeal, &c.” and which was then for the first time brought to my knowledge.

I have been for years his friend, and that he should have taken this step, and kept it from my knowledge, and have given me no intimation that would have enabled me, or allowed me time to confer with you, was as surprising as it was distressing to me—but is explained by his avowal—“that he felt persuaded that I would have influenced him to sacrifice his interests, and postpone his rights for the *general good*; and that he consequently kept his purpose to himself, and sought advice from no one.”

He was not mistaken; I would certainly have tried to guide his course, so as to protect the general interests—and if possible so too as to prevent any contest between himself and the rail road company.

And having reference to my relations past, *towards himself especially*, and present no less than heretofore towards your company and internal improvements generally, and the interests of the city and State as dependent on these, I have insisted, and successfully, upon his withholding these pamphlets or appeals, or a