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ter, and I think in the course of our interview, stated that the fee was exclusively his own.

Answer to the sixth interrogatory. If this question applies only to the business here above referred to, it will be found answered in my replies to the second and fourth interrogatories. If it has reference to other matters, I am unable to answer it, and would respectfully refer the committee to the Treasurer of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road company.

Answer to the seventh interrogatory. In reply to this interrogatory, I refer to my answers to the second, fourth and fifth questions. I have no further information in regard to the matter inquired of, than is disclosed in these answers, except that I have understood that a gentleman by the name of *Chew*, and perhaps *Col. Kent*, were engaged as auxiliaries, but by whom they were engaged, or on what conditions I do not know, nor have I any knowledge of their having been retained, except from report.

Answer to the eighth interrogatory. Answered in my reply to the second interrogatory.

Answer to the ninth interrogatory. I did consider the sum we were to give as a liberal compensation, but as it was nearly all contingent, and would only be paid upon the aid being actually obtained, which was indispensable to the completion of the rail road, after full reflection I felt content to give it. I very well knew, that without this aid the road could not be made, and with it I believed it could. At the same time I had not the shadow of a doubt, but when completed it would become the channel through which would flow into our State the greatest and most lucrative inland trade and travel in the world, richly indemnifying the stockholders for their investments, and securing to Maryland the key to the commerce of the West, by which our population and wealth would be rapidly augmented, and general prosperity and activity every where become diffused amongst us.

P. E. THOMAS.

*Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company,
February 25th, 1839.*

To COL. WOOTTEN,

Chairman of Committee on Internal Improvements:

Sir,—I enclose herewith an account of moneys paid to attorneys or agents, designating to whom, &c., in answer to one of the interrogatories put to me by the committee. I presume in the term 'agents' the committee allude to counsel or attorneys; otherwise the whole of the transportation department might be included, and also various persons engaged in procuring the right of way for the road.

In answer to the second interrogatory I enclose copies of five letters from Mr. James W. McCulloh. In transmitting the copy of the letter dated 6th January, 1836, I think it proper to state