

BALTIMORE, January 26, 1841.

*Hon. Edward A. Lynch,*

House of Delegates:

*Dear Sir:*—In reply to the order of the Honorable the House of Delegates, communicated in yours of the 23d inst. I beg leave to state, that the refusal of the Western Bank of Baltimore, to allow additional time to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company upon the loan to said company, was rendered imperatively necessary on account of the embarrassed condition of the money market at the time the loan became due, and the consequent necessity that the bank should call in her means as rapidly as possible.

The five per cent sterling bonds received in discharge of the debt, were sold at the same price as was allowed the canal company—viz: 85 per cent. to Mr. Samuel Riggs of the city of Baltimore.

I have the honor to remain,

Your ob't serv't.

SAMUEL JONES, Jr.

Pres. of the Western Bank of Balt.

BALTIMORE, February 16, 1841.

*Hon. E. A. Lynch,* Chairman

Com. Internal Improvements, House of Delegates:

*Dear Sir:*—I enclose and annex answers to the Interrogatories propounded to me by the Committee of Internal Improvements, which I hope will be satisfactory.

Your ob't servant,

SAMUEL JONES, Jr.

### ANSWERS OF SAMUEL JONES, JR.

*To Interrogatories Propounded by Committee of Internal Improvements.*

In reply to the first interrogatory, I state that I am the President of the Western Bank of Baltimore, and held that office at the period designated in the interrogatory, viz: during the months of September, October and November, 1839. The only opportunity I had for becoming acquainted with the condition of the money market for State securities, at that period,