

In the foregoing letter the Governor received the following reply:  
 Office, Ches. & D. W. Canal Co.  
 Baltimore, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>. 1849

His Excellency  
 Philip P. Thomas  
 Governor of Maryland

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date 14<sup>th</sup> inst. The Board of these Companies will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> inst, when your communication will be laid before them upon which I have no doubt they will take measures to pay to the State the balance due for the past year. I cannot but express to you, on behalf of these Companies, a deep sense of obligation at the indulgence which the State has extended to us with reference to the balance now to be paid and assure you that it forms an additional motive for promptly complying with the State's wishes.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) George W. Dobbin

Pres. Ches. & D. W. Can. Co.

State Department

Washington 20<sup>th</sup> March 1849

Dear Sir,

I received by the mail of this morning, your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ult, together with the written opinion of Mr. Constable. The letter, of course occasioned me some degree of surprise as I did not anticipate that the State would be delayed much beyond the present period in the receipt of the money due from Mr. Price. The particular merits of the case, either morally or legally, I cannot gather from the opinion of Mr. Constable, and of course I am not a great measure ignorant of the concessions that may exist between the present and any former claim. These matters can be tested by a trial, and according to your suggestion I shall forward the account to the clerks of the Attorney General, in order that a suit may be docketed at the ensuing term of your Court. I have taken the liberty to obtain a copy of Mr. Constable's opinion, and shall place it with other papers, in the possession of Mr. Wickes.

I am very respectfully

Yours obt servant

Philip P. Thomas

Wm. A. Gilpin Esq.