

however given you the facts as they at present exist.

The satisfaction you express at the prospect of an early completion of the Canal to Cumberland affords me much pleasure and I shall at all times be gratified to hear from you in regard to it and to communicate such information of its affairs as may be desired.

To see the work completed and made productive so as to afford relief to the State of Maryland at the earliest practicable period is doubtless the common wish of all.

With great respects
Your Obedt Servant
(Signed) J. M. Coakle President
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State Department
Washington Dc. March 1849

Dear Sir:

Various matters of business have delayed a reply to your letter of the 14th of January respecting the balance due the State by the Securities in Dumbraes' hands. Although a manifest error has been committed in the Statement of the accounts as furnished to you from the Treasury, in regard to the period from which interest is charged, yet it will be best to close the case by the judgment as received, taking interest from the time at which it is charged on the account placed in your hands. The securities have applied to me for the release of all interest not actually collected by Dumbraes. In order to meet their request, I should have been obliged to recitate a rule which I found to prevail here, when I came into office, by which interest is never remitted, except under extraordinary circumstances where suit had been brought, for the reason that the State is thereby put to the loss of the Attorney's Commission. I offered however to release interest upon condition that the Securities would pay the amount of your Commission on the whole claim. As this would save but about \$100 to them, they preferred to decline the offer and to petition the Legislature for relief. In order to enable them to do so, I have consented that the judgment shall remain unsettled so far as the interest not collected by Dumbraes is concerned, with the agreement on their part, for the payment either to you or the Treasurer, the entire balance of principal together with all interest actually received and collected (a statement of which they have) and all costs, at an early day in the month of September next. Hoping that this arrangement may not be disagreeable to you I have to request that you will allow the claim to rest until the time above specified. As regards the claim against Goldsbrough, I have only to repeat that I am willing that it should rest without execution until after your May Court leaving it, however, to your judgment to act as circumstances may seem to require.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Philip S. Thomas

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