

State Department
Annapolis Md
May 24th 1849

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th inst. upon the subject of the appointment of Commissioners on the part of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland to fix the boundary line between those States where the three join.

The Legislature of Maryland at December session 1845 by resolution No. 18 authorized the Governor to open a correspondence with the Governors of Pennsylvania and Delaware, and in the event of concurrence on the part of those States also authorized the appointment of a Commissioner to act with Commissioners to be appointed on the part of those States to fix the boundary.

A correspondence was opened, and the Executive of this State has received a communication from the Executive of Delaware enclosing resolutions of the Legislature of that State conferring upon him similar powers. But he has received no communication from the authorities of Pennsylvania upon the subject.

If the Legislature of Pennsylvania has taken any action in relation to the matter, so soon as it shall be officially announced to His Excellency the Governor of this State I have every reason to believe he will be prepared to act with the promptness the importance of the subject demands.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt
John Nicklathaus

To William Cyre Jr. Esquire
Chester
Delaware County
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Office Chas. Ohio C.C.
Fred. May 25. 1849

His Excellency Gov. Ph. S. Thomas
Searlin. I have received your letter of the 23rd inst. and regret the manner it presents if they are to be considered as advice to the Company's unwilling of the assistance intended to be afforded by the Company act of the 15th of March last, to put the forsaken portion of the Canal in repair.

You however say that "as the matter is of very great interest both to the State of Maryland and the Canal Company you propose to submit the question to the Attorney General for his opinion and advice" and to that end request me to furnish you with information on certain points which you indicate. Although I am at this time very busily engaged, our annual meeting taking place on the 4th of June. And I mention the fact to excuse the hurry of this letter, I should desire to comply with the request in the hope that a definite conclusion is required to be