and Tidewater Railroad to the States credits
and if I could not have had any weight
in influencing the vote in the Legislature, I
should at least have been pressed and
have a position of the difficulties
which fell so heavily on you. — The
effort to which you allude was lost
to me — It certainly was not so great
as I expected from your able pen but I
supposed it to have been drawn up in a
hurry having been unexpectedly called for
by the House of Delegates. —

Mr. Washington Pres. of the C & O
Canal Company as you know has lately
sent me 1½ millions of the States certificates
for sale & hypothecation on account of
that Company and although at this
moment money cannot be had to loan
as in March, and spirit nor for long periods
I think I should be able to borrow what
they require at a fair rate of interest until
the stock can be put into the market
under more favourable circumstances. The
1st Pref. payable in 1890 is now selling
at 99 and if I had not thought the new
certificates would bring over 100 & 101

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