Baltimore Feby 9th 1838

Dear Sir,

The delay in answering your letter has arisen from our discovering an error in the levels which, causing the work to prove very nearly, led us to believe all was right — I have now, after looking over the notes very carefully, the mortification to find that the line from Little's on Juniper Cr to the Waccaman must be rejected — It is now, of course impossible to say how or where the errors arose, but they may be traced in a great degree to the inexperience of the Leveller & his uncontrolable desire to get over ground, commendable no doubt, but in this case carried too far, and in my not insisting that the totals should be carried out in the field which, tho' it would not here have materially changed the result, would at least have prevented the great delay in arriving at it —

I have every reason to believe that the work as far as Little's is correct; the first offset to Lockwoodsfolly which I levelled myself & the appearance of the profile from the intersection of this to your Bm 11 of 1834 altho' it does not prove it, makes me confident that there can be no material error, else I would not submit it —

Leaving your Bm 11. at 64.786 above tide, we find by Mr Mitchell's notes the height of the lowest stage of water in the Waccaman at the Red Bluffs, the head of tide, to be 21.382, & continuing thence along the Georgetown road to our zero in Lockwoodsfolly, the last line he ran, we find it 22.000, and even this last line, altho' it must be correct, I was