George Town July 19th 1839

My dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday found me quite unwell, having been confined to the house for two or three days by violent cold & sore throat –

I confess the movements at Annapolis have not excited my surprise, though they have my regret, more on account of the great work with which I am connected, than from any consideration merely personal – Every thing has been done by the Legislature to retard the completion of the work & to throw distrust and discredit on it – We have already been subjected to investigations at two sessions – and at the last session to such a pass were we brought by this conduct – that the work was on the point of suspension – the credit of the company was destroyed, our laborers driven from the work, its completion most seriously retarded & in consequence it has been made to cost at the least calculation half a mil[illegible] than it should