Genl Thos Emory President Balt April 26th - 1839
of the E. S. R. R. Co —

Dear Sir yesterday I received a letter from W. H. Emory directing me to proceed immediately on the receipt of the same in the Graduation of the 1st 2nd - 3. 4. 5. 6 - 7 & 8th Sections of the road bed of the E. S. R. R. Co —

I am ready and willing to fulfil every part of my contract with the Company. I have received no estimate of the work I have done for nearly three months and so pay for the same. I am at present desirous to have a settlement with the Company for the work that I have done according to the terms of the agreement before I go on to do any more work on the road. The Company is at this time largely in arrears to me for work done, and unless I can receive money from the Company at the times specified in our contract I cannot proceed with the work and pay my labourers out of my own pocket, I have on several occasions advanced money to pay the men along the line of the road and which the Company have not yet paid me according to our contract. I have not been able to raise any money on the Bond the Company gave me for $ 8000 — dated on the 6th day of [illegible]

I am therefore desirous that the Company should make a settlement by having the work I have already done estimated and paid for according to our agreement before I go on further with the work, in order to effect this settlement I propose to send Mr Collins Civil Engineer to Baltimore