Western Shore Treasury
Annapolis 17 May 1839.

Dr. Sir, I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday by the hands of Mr. Pattison and regret that I can think of nothing I could say in reply but what I have already said to you in person in the Course of my recent visit to Baltimore —

The present Claim of your Company upon this Treasury to the amount of Thirty thousand dollars, I recognise as one fully authorized by law, and the payment of it or any portion of it, will be made to the Company or to its order, so soon as any means shall come into the Treasury which may be so applied without risking its ability to pay the ordinary expenses of the Government and the interest on the Public debt for the Current year — and this general Assurance is the only one I consider myself at liberty to give —

For the means of paying the Company's said Claim, I am not restricted to the proceeds of the Stock of the State to be sold and especially appropriated to the payment of it — but means of some sort I must have before I can pay, no matter what may be the correct Construction of the Resolution of the General Assembly —

To any one disposed to lend to your Company upon the credit of their said Claim, I consider the material fact to be that it is recognised at the Treasury - of which I here give you written assurance — The next most important fact not already stated, is, that as a Consequence of such recognition, the Claim must go into the Treasury Estimate of the charges upon it to be submitted to the next General Assembly, if