Havre de Grace (Md.) June 29th. 1839

Genl. Emory,

Sir,

Having understood from Col. Budd of this County that you had requested him to make enquiries as to the price &c. at which Lime can be delivered at Easton, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject –

I have been acting for some time as agent for Lime burners on the Schylkill, (the source from which nearly all the Lime used in this County is derived) and after my interview with Col. Budd I addressed a letter upon the subject to the burners – stating that you were desirous of contracting for a large quantity and were of course desirous to procure it as cheap as possible = Their answer is, that after enquiring they have succeeded in finding a Capitalist is willing to undertake the navigation of a Canal boat to Easton, and will send you a load of quick Lime at 23 cts. (or of slaked at 13c) by way of experiment = it is delivered here at 22 & 12½ – and they think the difference in distance justifies a slight difference in price = They would prefer your paying the cash in which case they deduct interest for