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Sir, I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in troubling you with these; the purport is to communicate to you a scheme I have suggested and if it is put into execution, with attention and vigour, it will certainly be productive of much more profit than my inclosed Statement sets forth: It being a scheme of such magnitude that only Gentlemen of enterprise and Fortune can pursue I have made bold to submit it to your consideration

My Scheme is to establish a new line of Stages from Philadelphia to Alexandria & Geo Town, upon such an extensive scale as will entirely guard all the present lines. Therefore I propose to start every 12 Hours, the year round, at 6 in the morning and 6 in the evening a Stage Coach, to carry 11 passengers, from said Philadelphia, Alexandria & Geo Town: the two latter will always intersect each other at Bladensburg: they are said to run through in 24 successive Hours. A Statement of the Stock of Funds wanted to carry the same into execution, also of the probable outgoings and incomes, I herewith send you with the following observations —

Politick Commerce & Speculations will be much benefitted by the rapidity of the intercourse of 150 Miles.

No person can possibly be disappointed of a passage as there will always be ready an extra Set for Baggage or passengers

It will afford an Opportunity to persons to go from Phila ~~to Balto & transact~~ Business there, & Vice versa, and return in 36 successive Hours — the fatigue not great because the Coaches are to be made on an easy and new construction.

At the present price, with only 92 Horses and 23 drivers, for conveying one passenger from ~~Balto~~ Phila. to Alexandria is 12 Dollars — surely this new mode of rapid conveyance in 1/3 of the time, with 272 Horses, 103 Men, 4 Boats, 8 Coaches &c &c, Lamps lighted all Night, to each travelling Coach, & leading Horse, & paying all postages; must be exceedingly Cheap at 10 Cents per Mile.