Balt. 10th October 1820

My dear Sir

I received your favor by Mr Darby to whom I paid all the money in my hands on account of the Turnpike Company, which was, indeed only the debt of Owings & Wilson, Scott & Grieves being still delinquent — Grieves's case will be tried this term & perhaps the money will follow a judgement in due course —

The Circuit Court will meet on 7th November & your case with Coll will be for trial, so that it is time we were making arrangements to meet it — The Court will probably not sit more than 10 days or a fortnight & we had better be prepared before it meets — The other cases ag.st the Company in the same Court I have heard nothing about & shall be myself bound in honor to the opposite counsel to enter judgement in them unless I get instructions from the Company to resist them — Please communicate this to the Company & desire them to let me know their determination as speedily as possible — If they wish to contest the cases (which can be done with success) they must send on secure me a fee of $100, beside the legal appearance fees which are already due — These cases against the Company can all be overruled on the ground of jurisdiction & the parties compelled to institute them anew in the County Court in Frederick —

Let me hear from you as soon as you can & please present my respectful acknowledgments to Mrs B & your family

Yrs truly

H. H. Murray

Balt. 4th 1820

Dear Sir

I believe Mr Thomson wrote you announcing the dividend in the Columbia bank if you can let me draw it I keep 75 or 80 & will thank you 50 of which I owe to Mrs Thomson & 15 yet to Mr Bayly if Stewart has not paid you yet you had better make a request of the will not pay forward his note Did you vote? I hear Upton Reid might have been here engaged Some others for Jackson Federal votes would have secured the whole ticket as it is they lost one

Remain your obedient Son

Benj.n