No. 4

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Resolved - That said Rr. Rr. Co be respectfully requested to decide thereupon by or before the 1st of January next, and also to state the earliest time they will commence and complete the work contemplated as the condition or consideration of a right of way and accommodation, the period however not to be more distant than the 1st of April next, nor to completion to the inner depot, (the Susq. wharf) beyond 18 months from the 1st of January next, otherwise this Co. may deem it expedient to withdraw the proposition made as aforesaid

The above Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Directors of the Canton Company held October 5th 1853, and a copy of the same left at the office of the Susquehanna Rr. Road Co.

Wm. Dean Secy Canton Co. of Balto

No. 5.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canton Co. Octr. 5th 1853 the following Preamble and Resolution was read and adopted

Whereas on the 23d of August 1853 this Company made a conditional proposition to the Susqa Rr. Rd. Co. for the right of way for a track through and accommodation for a depot on their property at tide water, and whereas said Rail Road Co. have not yet designated the line they intend to adopt for their road, which delay is attended with much inconvenience to the Canton Co., - interfering as it does with their arrangements in the disposal of their property consequently proving detrimental to their interests.

Therefore Resolved that said Rr. Rd. Co be respectfully requested to decide thereon by or before the 1st day of January next and also to state the earliest time they will commence and complete the work contemplated as the condition or consideration of a right of way and accommodation, the period however of beginning the same, not to be more distant than the 1st of April next, nor to completion to the inner depot (the Susq. Wharf) beyond eighteen months from the 1st of January next otherwise this Company may deem it expedient to withdraw the proposition made as aforesaid

Copy from the minutes

Wm. Dean Secy

No. 6

Office Balto & Susqa Rail Road Co
Balto. Decr. 23rd 1853

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company

on the 20th inst. it was resolved to accept the proposition of the Canton Company, and for an extension of our road by a branch to tide water (as expressed in the letter of J. Ho. Coulter Esq. (written in behalf of the Canton Company) of the 15th of Sept last addressed to the President of the Balto & Susq. Rail Road Company

The route adopted by the Directors is called the "Southern or Tunnel Line" diverging from the main trunk a short distance above the Bolton Depot and following the Valley of Jones Falls crosses that stream near Belvidere, and then, coincident with Hoffman Street passes to the South of Greenmount Cemetery, where it encounters a tunnel 2600 feet long, through Green Mount Ridge; after emerging from which, and still in Hoffman Street crossing above the Belair Road, it soon enters into another tunnel 1400 feet long under Green Wood Ridge, which brings it to Gunnon Street, from whence it crosses the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Balto Rail Road near the Trap road, and then pursuing a course parallel with the rail road for some distance, terminates East of the Lazaretto at Canton. The whole length of this Branch is about six miles. To construct this Branch Road on the line above indicated will require the assent of the City of Balt. as it crosses a portion of the municipal jurisdiction - should this be withheld which we cannot permit ourselves to anticipate, we shall take the outer route diverging near the Relay House, and uniting with the Tunnel route not far from where it crosses the Balto and Philadelphia Rail Road, from whence to the terminus the two routes are common. It is believed that the Company will find no great difficulty in raising the means necessary to construct and stock this Branch in which case the hope is confidently entertained of having it in active use by the close of the year 1854. Application for the right of way through the City limits will be made to the Councils at their respective next regular session

Wm. Harrison Esq.
Agent Canton Co. Balto

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Geo. W. Hughes

No 1

New York January 6. 1854

To Wm. Harrison Esq
Agent Canton Company of Baltimore

Dear Sir

The communication addressed to you, under date of Decr. 23rd (Alto) by Geo. W. Hughes Esq. stating that at a meeting, on the 20th of same month of the Board of Directors of the Balto & Susqa Rail Road Co, it was resolved to accept of the proposition, for the right of way through and accommodation for