a depot on the grounds of the Canton Company is before me — It must be distinctly understood, however, as doubtless it is that the conditions set forth in the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Canton Co. at their meeting in October last (a copy of which was furnished to the President of the Rail Road Company) must be strictly complied with, otherwise the Canton Company will be at liberty to withdraw their proposition.

As the line of the Road is now definitely fixed, you will please proceed accordingly to dispose of property, as the interests of the Canton Company or the wants of purchasers may require — reserving only the line adopted for the Rail Road.

I remain respectfully Yours
W. Clay — President
of Canton Company

No. 8
(Copy)

Office Canton Company
Balto. Jany. 25th 1854

Geo. W. Hughes Esq.
Prest. Balto. & Susq. R. Rd. Co.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 23d December last was duly rec'd. stating that your Board of Directors had accepted the proposition made by the Canton Company Co's property.

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter to me from the President of the Canton Company on the subject. Upon examining your letter, I do not find the line of your Rail Road located, from the point where it leaves the P. W. & Balto. Rail Road to tide water. I would therefore request you to have that part of the line located and staked off at as early a day as is convenient for you to have it done.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
Signed Wm. Harrison Agt.
of the Canton Co. of Balto.

No. 9

Office Balto. & Susq. R. Road Co.
January 28th 1854

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. in reference to the definitive location of our Branch Rail Road through the property of the Canton Company's grounds — when I had the pleasure of seeing you in this Office I explained to you, that until we could receive the action of the City Councils. The portion of the road to which you allude, cannot be precisely laid down, this arises from the fact that two lines have been indicated and it has not yet been ascertained

which of them the City authorities may designate. The termini in either case will be the same viz: East and West of the Lazaretto on the lands which you propose to concede to us — As soon as the City Councils have acted I will have the selected line carefully located and staked. I hope that there will be no unnecessary delay in this matter and no serious inconvenience resulting to your operations.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Hughes President

Wm. Harrison Esq.
Agent Canton Co.
Baltimore

No. 10

Office Baltimore & Susq. R. Rail Road Co.
Baltimore March 23d 1854

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Geo. P. Worcester, the Engineer of this Company has been instructed to immediately commence the staking out of the Branch Rail Road to Tidewater through the Canton Company's grounds — He will probably begin the work tomorrow, East of the Lazaretto.

Respectfully Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Hughes, Prest.

Wm. Harrison
Agent Canton Co.
Balto.

No. 11

(Copy) Office of the Canton Co.
Baltimore, Mch. 17th 1857

Jno. S. Gittings Esq.
President of the N. C. Railway Co.

Sir

The Canton Company as long ago as the year 1853 proposed to the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail road Company to grant to it certain privileges and property on the condition that the latter Company would extend its road by a certain route to the Harbor on the grounds of the Canton Company and expressly reserved to itself the right in case the road was not begun and completed within a specified time to withdraw its proposition.

The Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road Company failed entirely to comply with said condition, and its corporate existence ceased by its consolidation in 1854, with other roads under the name of Northern Central Railway Company. The Northern Central Railway Company without having complied or offered to comply with the condition imposed by the Canton Company on the offer made to the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, has taken possession of certain ground and a right of way of the Canton Co. and has proceeded to open a way and lay tracks through the property of the Canton Company.

In so doing the Northern Central Railway Company has exceeded its authority and violated the rights of