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To the President & Directors
of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company -

Gentlemen

Your Company in 1829 condemned a portion of my lots - 43 - 44 - 101 & 11 - lying on Rock Creek in Georgetown, above the lower Bridge, it is supposed with the design of forming a basin there & therefore the compensation allowed was a nominal one, — which has never been paid or tendered -

This design of a basin above the Bridge having been long since abandoned it would appear that all the Company require for their purposes is a tow path to assist boats in passing to the basin below the Bridge, and to the City of Washington.

I would therefore respectfully ask you to restore all the ground so condemned, reserving a tow path say about 15 feet along the Channel of Rock Creek.

I never knew until last Saturday the extent of ground condemned, — and my lots are greatly & unnecessarily impaired in value by the existing claim of the Canal Company -

With great respect
Yr. obd. servt.
J. Lee

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