

—first for a Riot, secondly for a Trespass or Trespasses, and thirdly for Disturbing a Religious Meeting. 10 or 12 were arrested on the first Charge, 4 on the second, & 2 on the 3rd. Many others absconded, but it is expected they will be pursued & taken. Depositions of many Friends from Distant parts have already been taken, among them are Samuel Bettle, Isaac Braithwaite, Josiah Tatem & others. Those connected with the first and second Charges will undergo their Trials before a Court and Jury to sit on the 15th of next Month.

[The letter concludes with the mention of various family matters.]

I am, very affectionately
Your Brother,
WM. PROCTER.

Philip E. Thomas and the B. & O.

THE following is an extract from a letter from William Procter, of Baltimore, to his friends in England (copy in D) :

7 mo. 4. 1828. A great civic procession having for its object not only the Commemoration of that Day as usual, the Day on which Independence was declared, but also the laying of the First Stone of the contemplated Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road. The President of this Company, Philip E. Thomas, is the present Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Clerk to the Committee on Indian Concerns, one of the Committee of Correspondence on behalf of Baltimore Y.M. with Friends in London.

In his first official Correspondence with a Committee of Blacksmiths, who proposed presenting the Company with a Spade, Pick and Hammer, he addressed them as "Gentlemen" and concluded with saying that he "has the honour to be," &c, "P. E. Thomas." This, I presume, would in England be considered very inconsistent conduct for a Clerk of the Y. Meeting, and so it is here by many. But in subsequent similar addresses, he calls them "Respected Friends" and concludes, "Respectfully thy friend," etc. He is a very popular & influential Character both in civil and religious Society, though quite a small man.