

**Daniel Carroll to Thomas Jefferson, March 28, 1802,
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Washington March 28th 1802

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Sir/

Since you did me the honor the other day to mention the subject of the Canal from the fails of Poto to the Eastern branch, I have thought much on the subject, & satisfied you will excuse the liberty I am now taking, have determined to address you a few lines—I see innumerable difficulties attending the plan you proposed, one which you mentioned, the want of funds, The ground where you proposed introducing the Canal into the City to wit, Pensa. avenue I do suppose, must be about thirty feet, above the level of water struck in Geo Town, & would continue to that height, or nearly until you would come to the south of the Presidents house, shoud this be correct or nearly so, I apprehend to remove such a body of earth, to so great a depth, would be attended with an expence that would not be encountered. I am allso satisfied to take the canal along tiber, creek & introduce it into the eastern branch by new Jersey avenue, would cost considerably less, than taking through Geo Town, independant of the high ground on Pensa avenue—With high respect I am

Sir

Your Mo obt Servt Danl Carroll of Dudn.

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