

1 the 1851 Constitutional amendment, and it was passed as  
2 a general corporate desire rather than specifically with  
3 the B & O Railroad in mind.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: And is not merely a transitional  
5 provision?

6 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, sir; that is not  
7 transitional.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?

9 Delegate Scanlan.

10 DELEGATE SCANLAN: My question is prompted by  
11 the question that the Chairman put to you. He called  
12 attention to line 35, and the sentence that follows down  
13 to line 41.

14 Is this statement of legislative authority over  
15 the chartering of corporations necessary in this day and  
16 age, or is it not now well established that, even absent  
17 a sentence of that sort, the State of Maryland would have  
18 plenary power in amending corporate charters?

19 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I don't think that is  
20 certain. As long as we have Court of Appeals decisions  
21 which say that a charter confers a right which can't be