

ject of their creation, the company gradually diminished in numbers and in strength, and left the few who persevered, and still looked for the coming of a more auspicious day, the task of preserving the charter, until the more enlarged and liberal policy of our sister State should bring within our reach the full possession of the benefits originally contemplated.

The policy of Pennsylvania has undergone a change. The barriers which have hitherto prevented the passage of the rail road upon her soil, have been broken down, and by prompt and decisive action, we may now secure the enjoyment of all the important advantages ever contemplated by the charter. The way has been opened by an act of the Legislature of that State at its last session, which removed what had previously constituted the chief impediment to our progress; and there now exists no obstacle to obstruct the advancement to full completion, other than the deficiency of pecuniary means. To supply these your memorialists hesitate not to avow their inability. They have toiled onward thus far, freely devoting their time and attention, and contributing their means towards the advancement of the work entrusted to their care, and in the exhausted state in which their efforts have left them, they cast themselves upon the liberality of the Legislature, trusting that in conformity with the settled policy of the State on subjects of internal improvement, and particularly in regard to the present object, their hands may be strengthened, and enabled to pluck the rich fruits which have been now brought within their grasp.

They approach you with confidence, resting their anticipations of success upon the uniform expressions