

and uniform acts of the Legislature; upon its long established policy; upon the vast importance of the connexion intended to be established; upon the readiness of the State to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to its accomplishment a few years since, when the *mode* of connexion only differed; and upon the successive reports of committees on internal improvement, who have had occasion to advert to the subject, and contemplate the prospects which the possibility of its accomplishment exhibited. They are still further encouraged by the general interest for the object, gathered not only from the expressions of the Trade Convention, now sitting in Baltimore, but from those of the General Improvement Convention, which recently assembled there, more specially for the furtherance of other and equally important works.

But your memorialists are also encouraged by another consideration to which the Legislature, as faithful guardians of the public interest, will no doubt give due attention. The State is already a large stockholder in this road, and your honorable body will naturally look to those means by which that stock is to be made productive. If the road is suffered to remain in its present condition, no return can ever be expected from their investment. But let the fostering aid of the State, extend it to the point originally contemplated by the charter, (but a distance of fifty miles) and the streams of wealth which will flow from the Susquehanna, the Ohio, and the Lakes, will give a value to the stock, and an impulse to the trading interests of the State not now to be estimated by your memorialists.