

ing its early completion; nor perhaps have the citizens of Baltimore, so intent upon the completion of a *bolder project*, been able until now, to appreciate justly the advantages which this road will confer upon them, as a direct avenue to the trade of the Susquehanna valley and that of the Great West. The commerce of these territories, almost unlimited, and more than would suffice to feed the enterprise and employ the capital of "many cities," New York and Philadelphia must, on the extension of this road to the Susquehanna river, (to be effected next summer throughout the Wrightsville and York rail road,) *share* with Baltimore. No atlantic city can ever *monopolize* the trade of the west—and when this trade is ample to fill the laps of all with wealth, a liberal spirit will surely prevail, and concede to each other a fair competition.

In the performance of the various duties connected with the location and construction of the road during the past year, I have been ably and zealously assisted by the following gentlemen:—J. C. Chesbrough, the principal assistant; A. P. Winchester, J. M. D. Goldsborough, and Benjamin Ewell, resident engineers of division, who, aided by their assistants, R. McLeod and J. Turner; R. Scrsell and J. Knight; and A. P. Crittenden, W. B. Wallace, and L. Tilghman, have had charge of the graduation of the three divisions of the road. M. N. Welsh and T. McMechin, have had, besides other duties, a supervision of the masonry on the first division. John Child had charge of the construction of wooden bridges generally—his useful services are now elsewhere bestowed, and his place supplied by T. J. Cram, assisted by B. Callahan. The useful assistance of R. C. Tilghman and C. A. McNeill have also been withdrawn by their employment in the service of another company. In addition to the above, T. Kaczanoviski and M. Banchatovich, have been attached as draughtsmen and surveyors—and also many respectable young men as sub-assistants.

The ability and fidelity of all those in the service of the company, and their devotion to its interests are highly commendable, and will, I trust, be fully appreciated by the board of directors.

In conclusion, I will briefly add, that but for constant