

	<i>For Passengers.</i>		<i>For Goods.</i>	
Boston and Lowell,	3½	do.	7	do.
Fredericksb'rg & Richmond,	8	do.	10	do.
Petersburg and Richmond,	5	do.	10	do.
Winchester and Potomac,	6	do.	7	do.

The average rates on these ten rail roads are near six cents per mile for passengers, and eight cents per ton per mile for goods. The two lowest, the Boston and Worcester, and the Boston and Lowell, are upon roads that are nearly level, almost straight, and which can be worked at the minimum of expense. Comparing these rates with those allowed by the charter to your Memorialists, your honorable body will at once perceive the total inadequacy of the latter to keep the road in repair, and give dividends to the stockholders.

Your Memorialists would therefore, pray for the passage of an act by your honorable body, authorizing your Memorialists to charge not exceeding six cents per mile for passengers, and eight cents per ton of two thousand pounds per mile, for goods on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, and five cents per ton per mile on goods transported to and from the cities of Baltimore and Washington.

Your Memorialists would further pray that in the passage of such an act provision should be made for charging by bulk, as well as by weight on both roads, for there are many cases where the bulk of an article presented for transportation is such in comparison with its weight, that if carried by weight, it would be a charge instead of a profit to the company. Boxes of hats, empty barrels, chairs and the like, may be suggested as instances of this kind.

Your Memorialists would here suggest that at their present rates, they are obliged to put the highest charge upon all articles presented to them for transportation; asking as much for coarse, bulky and cheap commodities as for smaller and more valuable; whereas, if a discretionary power in fixing the rates within the above limits, were allowed, the charges upon the former might be materially reduced to the great benefit and advantage of those who have to rely on the rail road to transport those articles, or to give up their transportation altogether.

It might be said that, by raising the rates of charge,