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MR. SHAW, from the Select Committee.

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## REPORT

OF

*The Minority of the Select Committee,*

Appointed by order of the House, Feb. 11, 1839,

*To inquire whether the Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland  
Rail Road Company, and the Newcastle and Frenchtown  
Turnpike and Rail Road Company*

**HAVE NOT FORFEITED THEIR CHARTERS.**

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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

April 3, 1839.

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

By order,

GEO. G. BREWER, Clerk.

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We the undersigned, a minority of the select committee appointed by the House, in conformity with an order submitted and adopted on the 11th February, 1839,

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That differing as we do, and dissenting from the conclusions set forth in their views by the majority of the committee, we have felt it our duty to state the grounds of our disapprobation of, and dissent from said report, as briefly as the great interests involved will permit. The order is in the following words; "That a committee to consist of seven members be appointed by the Speaker, to enquire whether a union or connexion in some way has not been formed between the Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland Rail Road Company, and the New Castle and French Town Turnpike and Rail Road Company; and whether, if such union or connexion has taken place, it has not been formed without authority, therefor, under their charters, and in violation of their chartered privileges, and whether said companies have not by such proceedings forfeited their charters, or whether either of said