

Duval; and General Sewall of Elkton, and General Emory of Queen Anne's, are familiar with the whole matter; and they, together with Mr. Johnston, can prove the payments made to Mr. Duval, and other facts relating to the subject which are necessary to a full understanding of the same: and if the committee desire to pursue that investigation, or adopt any measures in compliance with the prayer of Mr. Duval's petition, it will be necessary that they all should be here.

I will not trouble the committee with any remarks or reasons in support of my views of the questions growing out of the petition of Mr. Duval; having found already on another occasion, that the reasons and arguments which I adduced, were not appreciated. I have contented myself with a very general statement, and with informing the committee when, and how they may gain more specific and certain information.

Yours with due respect,

J. W. CRISFIELD.

February 5th, 1840.

MARYLAND—ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY:

On the 5th February, 1840, before the subscriber, a justice of the peace of said State, in and for the county aforesaid, appeared J. W. Crisfield, and made oath that the facts contained in the foregoing statements are true according to his knowledge, recollection and belief.

WM. BRYAN, J. P.

*Extracts from the Annual Report of the President and Directors of the Eastern Shore Rail-Road Company, to the Stockholders, dated the 14th January, 1840.*

In addition to the difficulties which enured to the work from the severe and protracted scrutiny of the Legislature into its conduct and affairs, the principal contractor (although fully aware from the beginning of the dependant condition of the work for its supplies on that honorable body) thought proper immediately on the adjournment, and after he knew the appropriation was made; to take alarm and suddenly to withdraw from the road, his operative force, without any intimation to the board of his intention to do so.

This procedure on the part of Mr. Duval added much to the general alarm, and threw every thing into confusion on the upper end of the road, where his people had been at work. He was afterwards expostulated with by the board without any effect, and his conduct was considered the more extraordinary as the President of the board, to afford him every facility in his power on the day of the passage of the appropriation by the Legislature, executed and gave him the company's corporate note, for an amount equivalent to what Mr. Duval desired, and which it was supposed by the President might be due him for work done on the road, and for which the company was then in arrears. This note for