COMMUNICATION

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, January 31st, 1840.

To John Thomson Mason, Esquire, &c. &c.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing the following orders adbpted on that day by the House of

Delegates:

"Ordered, That the committee on internal improvements be directed to inquire of the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company—of the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company—of the President of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, and of the President of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company—

1st. The number of officers employed since the first of January, 1835, and the number of officers now in the employ of said companies, with tables annexed of the salaries of said officers for

the several years of 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838 and 1839.

2d. What officers of said companies have received extra allowances, any what amount has been paid, or stipulated to be paid, and to what individuals?"

Pursuant to these orders, I now transmit a tabular statement, and other papers, prepared by the Secretary, numbered from 1 to 6, inclusive; and which, it is believed, will afford all the informa-

tion required.

I am not aware of any extra allowance paid, or stipulated to be paid, within the scope of the orders, excepting that to C. W. Wever in the year 1836; unless that allowed to the President of the company on account of his agency abroad in regard to the disposition of the sterling bonds of the State given to the company in payment of the subscription on the part of the State, be intended.

I have therefore, caused extracts to be made from the report of the committee of finance proposing the allowance in this case, and from the minutes of the board by which it was confirmed.

I have deemed it proper also, to cause to be made and forwarded, extracts from the minutes of the board, where they are particularly recorded, of the resolutions authorising an increase of salary.