

Winchester, had been or was likely to be diverted to Scottsville and Richmond; and therefore, with a view of preventing such diversion, and of increasing the flour trade to Baltimore over the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, the board undertook, as matter of experiment, where the cars would otherwise go empty to take plaister destined for Winchester free of charge, the Winchester company agreeing to transport it in the same way and upon the same terms.

This arrangement continued during the months of October and November, but, it appearing not to answer the objects which had been anticipated, it was early in the month of December discontinued.

Subsequent to the year 1837, and up to the 1st of May 1841, the charge for transportation of all articles excepting flour, grain, corn, oats, tobacco, whiskey, ore, iron, and lumber, was 8 cents per ton per mile; and during the same period, the charge upon flour, grain, corn, oats, tobacco, whiskey, ore, iron and lumber, was six cents per ton per mile in a western direction, and four cents per ton per mile in an eastern direction, with the customary charge authorized by an act passed the 18th of February 1831, for receiving, weighing and delivering, of 30 cents per ton without reference to distance.

In May 1841 the change, already referred to and explained, in the charge for flour was made, and at the same time a general tariff embracing all other articles, excepting those excepted in the law passed in 1841, was adopted, and is hereto appended marked A, and signed by the superintendent of transportation, from which the changes made in other articles in the year 1841 will appear.

The foregoing remarks comprehend all the changes which have been made in the year 1841 in the freight of flour and other articles transported on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road.

I ask permission to add that, the existing rates are not higher, than those adopted on other roads; in many instances they are not so high, and that a lower charge for transportation than the company now make would considerably diminish the annual revenue, and consequently reduce the amount paid to the State.

I am, Sir, with high respect,

Your obediant servant,

LOUIS McLANE, President.