

6. The number of division engineers between Harper's Ferry and Cumberland, has been reduced from three to two, by which there is a saving of \$1,300 per annum.

7. Four resident engineers whose aggregate amount of salaries was \$4,000 per annum, have been dispensed with.

8. Four local engineers on reconstruction, salaries \$3,640 per annum, dispensed with.

9. The department of machinery has passed into the hands of the principal assistant engineer, and the principal machinist's salary has been reduced \$200 per annum.

By these changes, you will observe, the aggregate annual expenditure of the company has been lessened \$18,200 per annum.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. I. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*

Copy of a letter addressed by Louis McLane, President, to the Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements of the House of Delegates, January 20th, 1840.

"Pursuant to these orders, I now transmit a tabular statement and other papers prepared by the Secretary, numbered from to inclusive: and which it is believed, will afford all the information required.

I am not aware of any extra allowance paid or stipulated to be paid within the scope of the orders, 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.

It may not be improper for me to state, that the wish of the board, that I should become the president of the company, was not made known to me until after the resolution of the 27th December 1836; that the application was altogether unexpected to me, and that the offer was not finally accepted until the 28th day of January following.

It is necessary to remark, that as well the number of officers as the salaries allowed them, have been adjusted not only in reference to that part of the road actually completed and in use, but also in respect to the work of construction and other preparations which have been in progress in extending it to Wheeling and Pittsburg.