

INTERROGATORIES.

Ordered, That the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, be requested to inform this House forthwith,

1st. What is to be understood by the terms "satisfactory arrangement," in the first answer contained in the extract from the minutes of said company recently reported to this House, and to state what sort of an arrangement said company would require to be made, to ensure the transportation on the Rail Road of coal from Cumberland, to Dam No. 6, at $1\frac{1}{3}$ cents per ton per mile.

2nd. Whether said company for such charge, contemplates a ton of 2,000 lbs., or of 2,240 lbs.

3d. What amount of money would be necessary to provide conveyances, cars and machinery, and to construct the necessary sidelings and switches to accommodate a trade of 105,000 tons annually, between Cumberland and Dam No. 6, and what amount would be required for the same purposes to accommodate a trade of 500,000 tons annually, between said points.

4th. Whether the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company has means, or can obtain means, to meet the expenditure that will be necessary under the last interrogatory; and if so, from whence they are derived, or expected to be derived.

5th. Whether in his opinion, the transportation of coal from Cumberland, to Dam No. 6, in the manner proposed, and at a charge of $1\frac{1}{3}$ cents per ton of 2,240 lbs. per mile, would be profitable to the Rail Road company.

6th. Whether the said company without a stipulation for an equal daily quantity, would be willing to transport coal from Cumberland to Dam No. 6, in such quantities as from time to time may be offered for transportation, and will increase its conveyances for that purpose, according to the growth and requirements of the coal trade, and for what charge the said company would be willing to do so for a given length of time, and for what shortest time.

7th. What quantity of coal was taken from Cumberland last year, other than for the use of the company—and whether all that was offered for transportation was carried when presented, or whether there was delay when other tonage was seeking transportation, and what were the rates charged per ton of 2,240 pounds per mile.

8th. What is the highest ascending grade on the Rail Road per mile from West to East, from Cumberland to Dam No. 6.

9th. Why in the recent answer to the House of Delegates, is it stated that upon Rail Roads from the coal mines to Cumberland, worked in connection with the road from Cumberland to Dam No. 6, and with the same machinery it will cost 2 cents per ton per mile on the former, and $1\frac{1}{3}$ cents per ton per mile on the latter.