

ting the charges made in the public prints, and from repeating the rumors now so current in the city of Baltimore. I will, however, say that there exists the strongest apprehension in the minds of many (in which I concur) that unless there be some mode of arresting the extravagance (I will use no harsher term) of those now in authority in Baltimore, that the ruin of our city is inevitable.

Mr. Gill concluded by invoking the Convention to remedy the grievances set forth.

Mr. Wethered very much regretted that his friend had submitted this order. In his opinion this Convention had no power to investigate the affairs of Baltimore city, or Ellicott City, or any other corporation. He thought that the people would be better satisfied if they were to confine themselves to the work of preparing the constitution and making it as correct as possible. The order particularly related to the Union railroad, and charges had been made in the papers of Baltimore that this was a bogus road, and that the subscriptions to the stock were bogus. This he pronounced to be false. His own firm had subscribed \$5,000 to the stock, and there was no doubt that the road would be built and that the interest on the bonds would be paid. He was satisfied that there was no necessity for an investigation. An outcry had been made also against the Gwynn's Falls road and the Western Maryland railroad, but there was no doubt that, on the completion of these roads, coal could be transported to Baltimore much cheaper than at present rates. There would be at least five hundred thousand tons carried annually. He moved to lay the order on the table, but subsequently withdrew his motion.

Mr. Page would ask whether, if this investigation was ordered it would have the effect to detain the Convention here any longer.

Mr. Gill thought it would not.

Mr. Wethered thought it was unfair to name that subcommittee. The appointment of the committee should be left to the Chair.

Mr. Alvey thought no practical result would be reached by the investigation.