

would have met with no countenance whatever, and your memorialists therefore pray that the terms of that Charter may be so accurately defined by a supplemental Act, that they shall confine those acting under its authority to its true purpose and spirit, and allowing them still to make the main stem of the road and such branches as may be desirable through the Counties of lower Maryland, shall prohibit the construction of any branch to the line of the District of Columbia. Your memorialists respectfully suggest that whenever the public interests shall require another Railroad between Baltimore and Washington, the authority to construct it should be fairly and openly sought in such a manner that the General Assembly may by suitable provisions guard the interests of the State, and that a scheme to accomplish that object by indirection and in disregard of both the interest and the will of Maryland should be controlled by such Legislative action as is now proposed.

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