

## COMMUNICATION.

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BALTIMORE, 16th January, 1867.

*To the Honorable Senate of Maryland:*

The undersigned, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, has received a copy of the resolutions passed by your Honorable body, on the 8th day of January 1867, whereby it was ordered,

“That the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, communicate to the Senate at as early a day as possible, the rates of freights he is allowed by the charter of that company to charge; also, what have been the highest rates charged within the twelve months ending December 31, 1866, upon the Baltimore and Washington Branch, both on through freight from the two cities or from way stations to either city; and if any of the rates shall have been in excess of those allowed by the charter, why this provision of the charter has been so violated.”

The members of your Honorable body are doubtless familiar with the statutes of the State, which prescribe the rates of freights (or toll and transportation) which this company is authorized to charge on the Washington Branch Railroad; but it may be necessary to remind the Senate that the Washington Branch, does not extend over the entire distance between the two cities.

The transportation between Baltimore and Washington, is conducted for a distance of eight miles between Baltimore and the Relay House, over the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. For that distance the charges are regulated by the provisions of the charter of this company relating to the main stem. Between the Relay House and Washington, a distance of 32 miles, the charges are regulated by the provisions of the charter relating to the Washington Branch,

The rates which the company is authorized to charge generally for freights are, on the main stem, eight cents, and on the Washington Branch, for its whole length, five cents per ton per mile, and for way freights, four cents.

The aggregate of these charges upon a ton carried the whole distance between Baltimore and Washington is \$2.24. The total charge allowed on a ton carried the whole distance,