

A bill entitled, an Act to amend the first section of the Act passed at January Session, 1860, chapter 303, entitled, an Act to carry into effect the eighth section of the Act entitled, an Act for the promotion of internal improvements, passed at December Session, 1835, chapter 395 ;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Henkle, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, submitted the following

REPORT :

To the Honorable,

the Senate of Maryland :

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the memorial of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, praying the General Assembly of Maryland to so amend the charter of the Baltimore and Potomac Rail Road Company, as to prohibit the construction of a lateral branch from the main stem of said road to the line of the District of Columbia, with a view to its connection with Washington city, and also the counter memorial of the President of the Baltimore and Potomac road, and various other petitions, memorials, and remonstrances upon the same subject, beg leave respectfully to submit the following Report :

The principal facts and arguments submitted by the memorial of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company in support of the proposed modification of the charter of the Baltimore and Potomac road, are;

That the original Act of Assembly, granting to the Baltimore and Potomac Company, the right to build lateral branches, was not understood nor intended either by the original Corporators or by the Legislature to authorize the building of such a lateral branch to the District of Columbia.

That the interest of the State in the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road is so important, and the revenue derived both from the stock dividends, and capitation tax so large, that had such intention been expressed or understood, the Act would never have received the sanction of the General Assembly of the State.

That the parties now contracting to construct the Potomac road are northern capitalist, who have been heretofore persistent in their efforts before Congress to obtain authority to build an air line road, connecting the city of Washington with the great cities of the North, and failing in that, they