

From a careful consideration of the whole subject, they are led to believe that the probable future receipts from this source, after the completion by the Baltimore and Ohio Company, of the road to Knoxville, will not exceed fifty thousand dollars per annum, and your committee cannot think because this amount may be lessened or lost to the State, that another work of such vast importance to the City of Baltimore, and the peninsular counties of Southern Maryland, should be abandoned. On the contrary, your committee believe that from the two sources of taxation, viz; the capital stock of the road and the increased value of property in this section of the State, the loss of this sum would be more than counterbalanced.

Your committee cannot conclude without referring to the numerous petitions and memorials which have been received from the counties interested, and from the business men of Baltimore city, showing the deep and absorbing interest they feel in this work, and their anxiety that no hostile legislation may be passed, as indicative of the necessity which exists for the construction of this road, as a means of advancing the prosperity of Southern Maryland, and increasing the trade of Baltimore city.

For these and other reasons that might be stated, your committee have determined to report a bill, herewith submitted, making the provisions of the charter and contract more definite, and securing beyond a doubt, they believe, the completion in good faith of the entire work, and they respectfully ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

E. J. HENKLE,
Chairman,
ISAAC YOUNG,
JAMES T. EARLE,
ODEN BOWIE.

Which was read.

Mr. Vickers moved that the report of the Committee be printed, and made the order of the day for Wednesday the 27th instant ;

Mr. Compton submitted the following amendment :

“That the Report be now adopted ;”

On the question being put, it

Was determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Bowie,
Brodwater,

Spates,
Stephenson,