

HON. OLIVER MILLER,

Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland,

DEAR SIR :

I hasten with very great pleasure to reply to the following Order of your Honorable Body, which, although it passed the House on the 23rd ultimo, was only handed to me to-day :

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 31st, 1867.

Hon. Oden Bowie,

President Baltimore & Potomac Rail Road Company:

DEAR SIR :

The following order passed the House of Delegates, January 23rd, 1867 :

Ordered, That the President of the Baltimore & Potomac Rail Road Company, be and he is hereby requested to furnish for the information of this General Assembly, without delay, a copy of the contract as made by said Company, for the construction of said road ; also, the name and residence of each contractor, if more than one, together with a list of the stockholders, and the amount or number of shares subscribed by each, as also the amount paid on each share so subscribed to this date. And further, if the contractors have commenced the work on said road, when and where, and the amount of work done at this time.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. COLE,

Chief Clerk.

I herewith enclose a printed copy of the contract and charter and its supplementary acts, every provision of which, I will remark, has been strictly and scrupulously complied with.

The contractors and their residences are,
Clinton Lloyd, Esq., Williamsport, Penn.,
John B. Clarke, Missouri,
Martin H. Cassell, Illinois,
J. W. Parrish, Louisiana,
Gideon L. Walker, Washington City,
John W. Forney, Philadelphia.