

plighted faith of the State, which this Legislature is asked to be guilty of, can prevent the construction of this great work so necessary to Southern Maryland, and so due to that part of the State which has cheerfully paid her taxes to develop the interests and prosperity of every section but her own, while she herself has asked and received not one dollar.

I have thus replied to each question embraced in the order of your Honorable Body, and shall be always most happy to do so.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ODEN BOWIE,

President Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company.