

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
Baltimore, ———— 1867.

HON. OLIVER MILLER,  
*Speaker of the House of  
Delegates of Maryland.*

SIR: I have received a copy of the Order of the House of Delegates, passed January 23rd, 1867, requiring me to communicate to the House at as early a day as possible, what amount of gross receipts per annum this company has received from freight and charges from passengers and otherwise, commencing on the first day of January, 1867, over the line of the Washington Branch of said Railroad, and also on the main stem of said road. Also, if the said receipts on said branch and main stem of said road have diminished since the war, what have been the same yearly.

I have the honor to transmit herewith printed copies of the Annual Reports of the President and Directors of this company for the years 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, which contain the desired information in respect to those years, in such form and with such details as will probably be most acceptable to the House.

For the period since the year 1864, no Annual Reports have been published for the reason, among others, that no correct statement of the annual gross receipts from the main stem or the Washington Branch could be made, in consequence of large accounts with the Government remaining unsettled. For similar reasons, I am not yet able to respond to the inquiry of the House so far as it relates to the years 1865 and 1866, or to the comparative amount of annual receipts since the war.

As the House desires information as soon as it can possibly be furnished, I hasten to afford it as far as it is now in my power, and when the accounts for the last two years shall have been fully and accurately made up, I shall have the honor to furnish such information in regard to them as may be desired.