

REPORT.

To the General Assembly of Maryland:

The undersigned respectfully represent to your Honorable Bodies, that they were appointed by the Governor, under authority of Joint Resolution (No. 9,) passed by the Legislature at the January session of 1867, commissioners for the purpose of having surveyed a railroad route from the city of Baltimore to Drum Point, at or near the mouth of the Patuxent River. That the duties thus assigned them have been discharged, and that the report of their Chief Engineer is herewith, (together with the maps, estimates, profiles etc.,) in compliance with the requisition of the joint resolution aforesaid.

The report of the Chief Engineer, to which reference is made for further information on this subject, shows that a railroad communication between the city of Baltimore and the mouth of the Patuxent River, may be established in connection with other works now existing or in course of construction, by a railroad of about 55 miles in length, and at a cost not exceeding \$1,300,000, including road-bed, fixtures and rolling stock.

The undersigned being fully satisfied that the construction of the railroad would confer great benefits on the country through which it would pass, on the city of Baltimore and on the State at large, respectfully petition your Honorable Bodies to grant a charter of incorporation for a company, under the designation of the "Southern Maryland Rail Road Company," to build stock and work said road with the rights, privileges and liabilities usually devolved on incorporated companies for similar purposes, including the right to condemn land to construct branches, and to connect with other roads now finished, or that may be built hereafter, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000.

We submit also accompanying this report, an account showing the costs incurred, and disbursements made by us in completing said survey, and respectfully refer your Honorable Bodies to the able and interesting report of Col. Geo. W. Hughes, Chief Engineer, herewith submitted, for a detailed statement of the mode and manner of its execution.

The Engineer reports on hand the instruments purchased by the Commissioners, subject to the order of the General Assembly.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the request that the report of the Engineer be printed by the General Assembly.

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together with accompanying papers.