

ning parallel and competing lines of road through different parts of Baltimore city, have rendered it now impossible for this Company, or any other, in the city of Baltimore, to continue to run, and meet just and reasonable expectations of the public in affording suitable accommodations and dispatch, unless relieved from some of the burthens imposed by the provisions of their original charter and its supplements.

There is no Street Railway Company in any part of the United States, receiving as little compensation for the same services performed, as those in the city of Baltimore, nor is there any road operated at as heavy an expense growing out of the excessive grades of our streets.

And while your memorialists have refrained, up to this time, from asking legislative relief from the burthens and restrictions placed upon them by the provisions of their charter and its supplements, for the reasons above set forth, they now find that it has become an absolute necessity for them to make this appeal, if they are to continue the running of their road in a manner suitable to the public wants and necessities.

The tracks and roadbed of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company have now been in constant service for a period of fifteen years, and much of the same has become absolutely worn out, many of the cars are almost in a condition of delapidation, and the entire appliances and running-gear of the road are not such as the public are entitled to expect.

But what are your memorialists to do in the premises?

It has already required them to strain every energy and exhaust every resource to keep up the road, even in its present condition, and pay the very heavy taxes incumbent upon them by the provisions of their charter. The reorganization of the road, the relaying of the tracks, and the building of new cars, have now become an absolute necessity, if this Company is to continue to run.

But your memorialists are utterly powerless to the accomplishment of this, unless they have some relaxation from the Legislature, of the stringent provisions of their charter, requiring them to pay one-fifth of their entire gross receipts to the Park tax of the city of Baltimore, and at the same time be limited to a charge of a six cent fare.

That certain of the Companies now running in the streets of the city of Baltimore, have a right to charge and collect, under the provisions of their charter, seven cents fare for each passenger, while your memorialists are restricted to six cents.

All of which is an unjust discrimination against your memorialists, and ought to be remedied in a manner calculated to relieve them from their present embarrassment.