

priated by the Act of 1835, to the Eastern Shore Rail Road, has the pledge of the faith of the State for its payment, when works of improvement on that Shore can be provided to which it may be judiciously applied.

By the Act of 1860, chapter 303, this balance was appropriated to certain counties in the proportion of what was deemed the right of each County named; and of the sums for the respective Counties, certain portions thereof, in some cases, and all in others, were given to specified roads. Of the Roads and other works of improvement to which these appropriations were made, but three out of the whole number have been organized under these charters, and of these, one has become involved in difficulty growing out of the adverse claims of different persons claiming to be the officers of the Road, and therefore claiming its management and control, as well as the sums appropriated by the Act alluded to.

The appropriation to the several works of improvement by the Act referred to, were made upon the condition, that the payments by the individual Stockholders, should at all times be equal to the payments made by the State.

In the case of the Maryland and Delaware Road, it is alleged, that in order to meet this condition, promissory notes, mortgages and other liens, have been received as money from individual Stockholders, by which procedure it is rendered difficult to determine the propriety of further payments to that Road by the State.

It is well to understand that some of the Roads to which appropriations were made by the Act of 1860, exist only in Acts of incorporation, no steps having been taken to put them into operation, and that in consequence, no application has been made for any part of the money granted to these.

There is danger, however, that at some future day, adventurous persons may possess themselves of these works with a view to obtain the appropriations made by the State to them.

Whilst the sums of money appropriated to the incorporated Companies, not now organized or put into operation, were granted to them as works of internal improvement,