

This state of things is too oppressive to the companies represented by the undersigned, to be continued, unless the Maryland Rail Road unites with us, and thus enables us to act more efficiently in accomplishing the object in view, viz: that of increasing the income of this whole line of roads, to which end they trust the Legislature will confer the proper power on the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, and they ask your favorable presentation of the subject to them, and have the honor to be,

With high respect,

Your obed't servants,

HENRY D. BIRD,

Pres't. Petersburg Rail Road Co.

J. H. HOPKINS,

Sup't. and act'g. Prest. Rich. and Pet'g. R. R. Co.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

OFFICE BALTIMORE AND SUSQUEHANNA  
RAIL ROAD COMPANY,

*Baltimore, January 28th, 1843.*

SIR,—In obedience to the provisions of the 9th section of the act of December session 1838, chapter 395, I have the honor to submit to the Honorable the General Assembly the enclosed account, shewing the gross amount received by this company for the transportation of passengers on their road, and the State's proportion thereof, for the last year.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES HOWARD, *President.*

HON. D. BISER,

*Speaker House of Delegates of Md.—Annapolis.*