

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to which was re-committed the bill entitled, an act to authorise and require the clerk of the Court of Appeals to reinstate and place upon the docket of that court, the case herein referred to, reported that the said bill ought not to pass;

Which was read the second time by special order and rejected.

Mr. Graves, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, made the following

REPORT:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred an order, adopted by the House of Delegates on the 13th instant, instructing said committee to inquire upon what terms a surrender of the State's bonds, held by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, can be obtained—report:

That having complied with the instructions of the House, they have received in reply the enclosed communications.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. GRAVES, Chairman.

ANNAPOLIS, February 16, 1843.

To J. J. GRAVES, Esq.

*Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the
House of Delegates:*

SIR,—On the 14th instant, the Board of Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, acting upon their own views of the subject, and before they received your letter of the same date, referring to the order of the House of Delegates of the 13th, adopted the enclosed resolutions.

Being now at Annapolis, pursuant to the second resolution, it becomes my duty to present the first, as containing the answer of the board to the order of the House of Delegates, and request that you will communicate it to the House as such.

I am, sir, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LOUIS McLANE.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board, February 14, 1843.

“Whereas, By the aid contributed to certain works of internal improvement, the State of Maryland has contracted a large amount of debt, whereby a system of burthensome taxation has become unavoidable; and whereas, there appears to be a growing sentiment with the public at large, if not in the minds of the members of the Legislature, that the connection of the State with the works of internal improvement, has been and will continue to be oppressive to the people, only to be relieved by discontinuing, as far as it may be practicable, such connection; and whereas, the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, duly impressed with the evils with which such a state