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And also the bill entitled, a further additional supplement to an act to establish a supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland and for the extension of the charter of the several banks of the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes;

Endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

Strike out the title and insert—"a supplement to an act entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act to establish a bank in the city of Baltimore, to be called the City Bank of Baltimore, and an act entitled, a supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of charters of several banks in the city of Baltimore and for other purposes, passed at December session 1834, chapter 93;"

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The Speaker then laid before the House the following communication:

*Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company,*

*January 31st, 1842.*

*To the Speaker of the House of Delegates,*

*Annapolis:*

SIR,—In answer to an order adopted by the House of Delegates on the 29th instant, and received this day, requiring the "President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company to report to this House the amount of State bonds to the credit of said company now in the hands of the Messrs. Barings of London, giving in separate statements the amount hypothecated and that waiting sale," I have the honor to transmit an extract from a letter by me addressed to the Speaker of the House of Delegates on the 6th instant, which, it is believed, contains all the information called for by the order of the 29th instant:

"*First*—That no State bonds have been sold or hypothecated by this company in the year eighteen hundred and forty-one.

"It is deemed proper, however, in order that not only all the past proceedings, but the future intentions and expectations of the company, in regard to the State bonds in its possession may be fully known to the Legislature, to state that these bonds or such parts as may be necessary for the purpose, have always been relied upon as the best and only means of procuring the requisite quantity of iron rails to finish the work to Cumberland; and it appearing from the official reports of the engineers, that in the month of March last the progress in the graduation, masonry and bridging was such as to authorise the expectation of finishing the road to Hancock by the month of January 1842, and to Cumber-