

permanently impaired, that any necessity will arise to apply the State bonds in payment of the iron below the limits heretofore fixed for their sale."

"The first delivery of the iron, amounting to 800 tons, is supposed to have been made on the 28th of July last, the second of 400 tons on 31st of August—the third of 400 tons on the 3rd of September—the fourth of 405 tons, on the 18th September—the fifth of 400 tons, on the twenty-third of September—the sixth of 400 tons, on the 2nd of October, and the seventh of 590 tons, on the 10th of November, amounting by the latest advices to 3395 tons, and costing \$140,044. The credit of the first delivery therefore, of 800 tons, amounting to \$33,000, will not expire until the 28th inst., and the advance which may then be made in payment for it could not according even to the original agreement, authorise a sale of the bonds before the 28th of May next; while for all the subsequent deliveries the credit would be postponed to a much more remote period.

"It may be proper to add, that exclusive of the foregoing sum of \$330,577 for the iron rails, no doubt is entertained that the subscription of \$3,000,000 by the city of Baltimore, will be adequate to finish the road to Cumberland; and I have the honor to refer the House of Delegates to the last annual report of the company, for a particular statement of the causes which disappointed the expectations of the board as to the completion of the road to Hancock, during the past year, and which will postpone that desirable event to the month of May next."

*Fourth.* "Of the State bonds delivered to the company, amounting to £720,000 or £3,200,000, the sum of £5,250, were sold in February and March 1840, as heretofore reported to the Legislature, and those remaining unsold amount to £714,750 or \$3,194,750."

I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully, your obedient ser't.,

LOUIS McLANE, President.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Carmichael chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Worcester county, praying the passage of a law, requiring the voters of said county, at the next election to signify at the polls whether they be in favor of or opposed to the total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors &c., reported, that the said committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed him to ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof;

Which report was read the first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and the said memorial referred to Messrs. Forman, Dennis, Cathell and Powell.

Mr. Forwood, chairman of the committee on Crimes and Punishments, reported a bill entitled, an act to prevent bribery at elections;