

STATE OF MARYLAND, *City of Baltimore.*

On this thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-five, personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the city aforesaid, Charles Howard, President of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, who being duly sworn, made oath that the foregoing statement is just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before,

T. HANSON BELT.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Speaker also laid before the House, the following communication from the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company:

ANNAPOLIS, January 31st, 1845.

To the Honorable,

The Speaker of the House of Delegates :

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the orders of the House of this date, and in reply, beg leave respectfully to state, that the information called for, so far as regards the attendance of any person or persons at Annapolis on behalf of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company during the last session of the Legislature, will be found in Document U of the last session, being a reply to similar interrogatories propounded by the House on the 19th of February, 1844.

As there has been no "official report made to the authorities of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company by any officer of the Company or other persons, of their proceedings whilst in Annapolis during the last session," other than the brief mention made of the attendance of the President, two of the Directors and the Chief Engineer, in the first page of the 16th Annual Report of the President and Directors of the Company, which is now in possession of the House, I have no such "official report" to communicate.

No compensation whatever was either asked or demanded by either of the officers alluded to for their attendance and services at Annapolis during the last session, but their actual necessary expenses whilst here, including the cost of extra copies of reports, &c., sent in by this Company and printed under the authority of the Legislature, amounting in the aggregate to \$534 88, were paid by the Company out of its corporate funds.

In reference to the fourth interrogatory, which relates to the present session, I have the honor to state, that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company has neither employed nor intends to employ any person or persons whatsoever to attend at Annapolis on the business of the Company. Through a sense of duty, however, to the great interests he, in some measure, has in charge, the President of the Company has been for the last three weeks and is at present, at the seat of government, to confer with such members of the Legislature as may desire any information in regard to the Company's affairs, in connexion with the important subject of