

acter of the deceased, his many valuable public services, his singular urbanity and kindness in all the relations of private life, his superior intellectual endowments and high moral worth, had acquired for him a name among his fellow countrymen, which will cause him to be classed and remembered with the purest and proudest, which adorn the long catalogue of Maryland's distinguished sons.

It will be incumbent on you to supply the vacancy occasioned by this mournful dispensation of Divine Providence, at as early a day as convenient, since the importance of a full representation from this State, in the Senate of the United States, during the residue of the present session of Congress, when so many deeply interesting questions are likely to be decided, is so obviously apparent.— We forbore to exercise the power of making a temporary appointment of a successor, with which we were clothed by the Constitution, because it was not probable that a full representation in the Senate of the United States, would be of much importance before your annual meeting; and because without strong necessity, we were unwilling by such appointment to interfere with your unbiassed choice in making a more permanent selection.

In compliance with the resolution of the last General Assembly, No. 15, we appointed "one commissioner from each of the counties of the Eastern Shore of this State, to make a reconnoissance and survey, and an estimate of the cost of a rail road from some point or points in Cecil county, in connexion with one or more of the improvements in said county, and thence extending by a line as straight as may be, nearly contiguous to, and parallel with the western limits of the State of Delaware, to the southern extreme of Somerset county, with a divergent route through Worcester county, to the northern line of the State of Virginia, &c" We have not received any *official* report of the completion or extent of progress made in the survey of the route for said rail road, or of the estimate of its cost. But we have *unofficially* understood that the survey of a route for the main line, and also an estimate of its cost have been completed, and will be reported as soon as the Chief Engineer employed in making them, can prepare his report, and the necessary maps and documents to accompany it.

On application to the President of the United States, as