

we apprised the engineer of the requisition and directed him to correspond with the commissioners on the subject. We received from the engineer an acknowledgment of our communication, stating that he would comply with our directions, and shortly be in readiness to attend to that duty. We have not received any report from either the commissioners or the engineer in relation to said survey.

We transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the President of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, with a printed copy of the 9th annual report of the President and Directors thereof, which affords a gratifying view of the progress and prospects of that company in the highly important work of internal improvement in which they are engaged.

We have not received any official report from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, or the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company—of the progress of those companies the present year, are executing those great works so vitally important to the commercial, financial and general interests and prosperity of the State. But we presume, of course, that such reports will be transmitted to your consideration at your present session.

Such are the character and magnitude of those works, the immensity of the trade they are intended, and cannot (when completed) fail to attract to our commercial metropolis, and the deep financial interests of the State connected with them, that their speedy completion is a matter of such high and pressing importance as to demand from all concerned, the most vigorous and energetic measures to accomplish it.

In conformity to the 44th resolution of the last General Assembly, directing the procurements of full length portraits of the late William Paca, Samuel Chase and Thomas Stone, three of the signers of the declaration of independence from this State, we succeeded in procuring the services of John B. Bordley, a young and eminent native artist, who has executed the paintings in a highly creditable manner. These portraits may now be seen appropriately arranged in the Senate Chamber by the side of that of the distinguished Carroll, and all together present to the eye of the beholder, a most interesting and impressive spectacle.