

REPORT

of the Honorable, the House of Delegates

of the General Assembly of Maryland:

The undersigned, members of your Committee on Corporations, under a deep sense of their duty to your Honorable House, their constituents in the city of Baltimore, and to the State of Maryland, most respectfully ask leave to submit this, a minority report in relation to the Baltimore City Railroad, with their views on the evidence upon that matter which has been adduced before the committee, and to which they have endeavored to give a deliberate and careful consideration.

From the whole of the evidence, the undersigned are unable to resist the conclusion in their own mind that in the incipient and subsequent means which have been had recourse to in connection with the street railways in the city of Baltimore, the taint of fraud and corruption is but too truly applicable! That the assignees of the grant from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore had any *bona fide* intention of carrying out the provisions of the seventh section of the ordinance under which they claim appears to the undersigned highly questionable, although, in the opinion of the undersigned, the faithful execution of that part of the ordinance was an essential requisite to the legality of the assignment of the grant created by that ordinance, and any attempt to set aside and defeat the objects and purposes of the said seventh section, and to apply and appropriate the fruits of the grant differently from the evident designs of the grantors and the express terms of the ordinance itself, would amount, in the judgment of the undersigned, to an absolute forfeiture of the grant and a relinquishment by the grantees or their assigns of all the benefits and profits to be expected from its operations.

The general tenor of the evidence brought before the Committee satisfies the undersigned, if not of the existence of positive fraud, yet of evident complicity on the part of the as-