

# REPORT

OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO  
RAIL ROAD COMPANY,

27th December, 1832.

*To to his Excellency the Governor,  
and the Honourable the Executive Council of Maryland.*

At the period of the last Annual Report of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company to the Executive of the State, the road had been opened for travelling as far as the city of Frederick, a distance of 61 miles, and a single line of rail tracts was also at that time so nearly completed to the "Point of Rocks," on the Potomac river, as to leave no doubt but that a communication would very soon after be established through this channel, between the tide waters of the Chesapeake bay at Baltimore, and the river Potomac. The Board have now the satisfaction to report, that this important object was completely effected within the time expected, and that a very active trade has since daily continued, without interruption, to pass in both directions upon the road between these several points.

The extension of the work beyond the "Point of Rocks," having been arrested by the injunction obtained on the part of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, this Board were of necessity compelled to limit their operations within the country between Baltimore and that place, until the legal decision of the question then at issue between the two companies should have been made. This decision having been in favour of the right of choice to the Canal Company, the Board, impressed with the importance of the responsibility resting upon them, and sensible of the deep interest which the people of Maryland had in the early and vigorous prosecution of this work, immediately addressed a communication to the Canal Company, for the purpose of ascertaining from them, whether an arrangement could not be made, by which the rail road might be conducted jointly with the canal as far as to Harper's Ferry, on the north bank of the Potomac; and proposed as the basis of such an arrangement, the surveys heretofore made by the Engineers of the two companies, under the direction of the chancellor of Maryland, and du-