

great confidence, that the mass of travellers, carried upon this road, are from Baltimore, in pursuit of health, exercise and amusement. For all these objects, the main stem of the road is equally advantageous and beneficial. And your memorialists think it would be an act of cruel injustice to them, to enable the rail road to go to Westminster, upon the basis of profits derived from passengers, when the main part of profit from that source, if any such profits exist in fact, and are likely to continue, may be as certainly realized by carrying them upon the main stem of the road, as upon the lateral branch to Westminster.

Your memorialists rely with great confidence upon the justice and discretion of the Legislature. They believe, that no improper disposition exists to injure their franchises. They consider that upon occasions of great public importance, under opportunities of reaping great and extensive public benefits, the privileges guaranteed to them, may measurably be injured by building up kindred and rival institutions. But they feel certain, that this would not knowingly be done with reference to other occasions, and for trivial, unimportant, and uncertain benefits. The Turnpike Road cost \$600,000, and although the Legislature have the power to sacrifice it, your memorialists feel assured, that this power would not be used but upon the most imperious necessity connected with the public weal. Does the Susquehannah Company in justice present such a case?—It started into life for another and very different object. Its