

of doing upon her present construction, her rates of charge have been placed upon a scale so low as only to enable her to defray her own expenses. Those who own the stock have declined fixing the charges at a rate which might yield them some dividend, but would necessarily contract the sphere of the boats usefulness. In her operations the citizens and whole commercial interest of Baltimore are not only deeply interested, but the inhabitants of every county in the State, and more especially all those that border on the Chesapeake and its rivers and inlets are receiving daily benefits from them. The market for produce is kept open in the winter, as at other seasons of the year, and the internal trade of the bay need no longer be impeded though the Patapsco river is locked up with ice. This it will be at once perceived, must always have the most favourable effect upon the winter prices of produce, and all those commodities which are sold by the farmer in Baltimore, for consumption or exportation. The great utility of the boat has been fully tested and proven by her movements upon her present contracted plan. But your petitioners respectfully represent that to make her adequate to all her duties, an extension both of her power and capacity have been found necessary. These improvements, the company, your petitions, wish to make as soon as possible, but they do not possess the means.

Whereupon your petitioners humbly pray, that the subject may be taken into consideration and examined by your honorable body, and that they may have such pecuniary aid from the State, as the importance of the object herein set forth, requires.

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