

MEMORIAL.

THE President and Directors of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, respectfully present themselves before your honorable body, asking for the subject matter of the memorial they have now the honor to present, such consideration as its own intrinsic importance merits, and such as an enlightened Legislature can never be expected to withhold.

Originally incorporated for the purpose of extending and strengthening the trading and commercial ties of Baltimore with the interior, by the construction of an improved mode of communication with the valley of the Susquehanna, your memorialists have in the outset of their endeavors to accomplish that important work, been met by obstacles they had but little reason to anticipate, and which all their efforts for several successive years proved unable to surmount. The policy of Pennsylvania, whose entire energies were devoted to the early execution of their own gigantic works, discountenanced until their completion, all the applications of your memorialists for a confirmation of the charter granted them by the State of Maryland. Thus limited in their powers and privileges to the bounds of Maryland, and denied by Pennsylvania the authority to pass her borders, for the attainment of the great ob-