

with the report of that company - and a circular from U. Grant respecting the acknowledgment of debts
in foreign countries.

January 16th

The Governor sent to both Houses by message a communication from Hon. S. Alexander Esq. Sp. En. Mess. Message
Governor of the State and from Jonathan Mendell Esq. relating to the case of Permian Oil

January 20th

The Governor sent down to both Houses by message his communication to the President of the United States Message
respecting the surrender of their stock on condition of the Canal (Chesapeake and Ohio) be-
ing finished by this State - and also the report of the President and directors of the Eastern Shore
Rail Road Company

January 25th

The Governor having been requested by the House of Delegates "all the facts and circumstances on his pro- Message
cess in relation to the contract between the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company and the Pe-
rings Brothers and Company, on the subject of the State bonds, referred to in his message to this Legi-
slature, and such other matters as his Excellency may choose to communicate to the House of Dele-
gates" replied to their order in the following words:

Speakers of the House of Delegates:

To your order of the 20th instant I beg leave to submit the fol-

lowing reply:

On the 5th of January Mr. Hammond offered the following order:

Ordered that the Committee on Internal Improvements be directed to enquire forthwith of the
President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, whether any portion of the State bonds ^{which} have been
placed at the disposal of that Company have been hypothecated? whether it is probable that any of
such bonds will hereafter be hypothecated? Whether an arrangement made by the Company with the
Messrs. Peirings, a system of hypothecation has been entered into, which is likely to prove disastrous
to the ^{State}. What is the state of the contract entered into by him with the Peirings? and whether said
Company has adopted any course of proceedings which is calculated to impair the State's credit a-
broad? and to report the answer of said President without delay, to this House."

The following

substitute, proposed by Mr. Mason and amended on motion of Mr. Spencer was adopted by
the House.

Ordered that the Committee on Internal Improvements be instructed to enquire of the
President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, what arrangements have been
made with Peirings and Brothers in relation to the State bonds, and upon what terms and
commissions and allowances, and to transmit to this House, a copy of the written contract