

gress depends, that of Europe has appeared to them the only remaining resource." The committee <sup>having</sup> after giving their reasons for selecting Mr McLane for the agency abroad further state, that "in asking the President to undertake the disposition of the state bonds, the committee have thought it most expedient to confide in his judgment and skill, and do not intend to restrict him on the price he may sell at, it being impossible for them to form any opinion of the state of foreign markets to which he may repair, for such securities, and which are subject to much fluctuation, depending on the state of their monetary affairs as well as the amounts of such stocks offered at any particular period, they however, intend giving him the option of either making absolute sales, or borrowing on the security of the bonds at such rates of interest, and for such periods of time as may appear to him best to subserve the interest of the company, and they will also authorize him to make sale of the whole or any part of the bonds in this country, should a favorable opportunity offer, or if it be necessary to dispose of a part by sale or by hypothecation to meet any financial exigency."

The committee had been instructed on an order of the board of the 5<sup>th</sup> of June "to adopt such measures, as they may deem expedient for the negotiation or sale of the sterling stock, in payment of the subscription on the part of the state. The measures adopted for the negotiation or sale are pointed out in the report; in which the committee state that they must look to their place either New York and Philadelphia "for carrying out the orders of the board, as to make the great and important work under their care to proceed with regular and dispatch, and failing to find a market in the United States, for the securities on the sale of which its progress depends, that of Europe has appeared the only remaining resource."

The object of the board was the vigorous prosecution of the work and its progress depended <sup>upon</sup> the sale of the securities. Mr McLane was authorized to make an absolute sale of the bonds, or to borrow money upon them, at such rates of interest and for such periods of time, as might appear to him best to subserve the interest of the company. He was authorized to make sale of all or any part of the bonds, or if necessary to dispose of a part by sale or by hypothecation, to meet any financial exigency.

The foregoing extracts prove that the bonds were to be sent to Europe to be hypothecated or sold, and the subsequent proceedings of Mr McLane show that he understood the object of the company, and exerted all his skill to accomplish it. The terms of his agreement with Messrs. Barry, Posthus and Co. are recited in detail, which were exchanged between the parties on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. In answer to Mr McLane, they acknowledge the receipt of the bonds, and then proceed to state, that these bonds are deposited in our hands to be sold on account of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, at such limits and prices as the company may think proper to give from time to time. It is agreed that the company shall be advanced as we progress and be authorized to draw for the equivalent; and after the end of February next, to be at liberty to value upon us in anticipation of sales at 60 ds. st. to the extent of £ 10,000, and for a similar sum monthly, or later as the company may think proper, not exceeding in the whole the sum of £ 40,000; and in case this facility should be availed of, all limits as to price and sales are to be withdrawn in so much as may be required to come as; and after we shall be so covered, the same power to draw is to be renewed under the same conditions.