

March 19th 1847

The Governor this day approved the official Bonds of W. Gist as Gauger of Casks &c. &c.

March 22nd 1847

The Governor this day approved the official Bonds of Jas. G. Mackall as Tobacco Inspector in the City of Baltimore.

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The Governor this day approved the official Bonds of the four Flour Inspectors for the City of Baltimore.

February 23rd 1847

A Communication from the Executive to the Senate of Maryland.

In compliance with the resolution of that Body, passed on the 18th February, 1847, requesting his views in reply to a communication, addressed by the President of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company to the Legislature, upon the subject of the recent dividend of that Company.

Executive Department

February 23rd 1847

Gentlemen of the Senate

I have read with profound attention, the communication addressed by the President of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, to the Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee of the House of Delegates, and by him submitted to the consideration of the Legislature.

I had supposed that this communication required no notice from me, but the expression of a different opinion by you, in the order passed by your body on the 18th inst, makes it my duty to express with promptness and frankness my views upon the subjects treated of in that paper.

I am aware of the difficulty in such a communication as you have made it my duty to make, to express so as to be understood by all, my appreciation of the importance of this Road to the prosperity of the City of Baltimore, and of the State at large, and at the same time, to state with becoming frankness, my views of the extraordinary position assumed by the distinguished President of that Road in the paper to which you have invited my attention.

Gentlemen, I must not be misunderstood upon this point, I sincerely entertain the opinion, that the completion of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road to the Ohio river, is essential to the interest of the State, and that we can now look only to this road, for those great commercial results which were contemplated by the State, in her original undertaking of those vast works of internal improvement which have as far only served to exhaust the resources of her people.

Having placed myself right upon this point, I will now with your permission refer to that portion of my Message to the Legislature, which is assumed as occasioning the necessity for this laboured address of the President of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, that you may judge whether the language used, or sentiments expressed, will justify the arrogant and uncourteous reply which it has elicited.