

hours of time consumed, in the transit between the two cities.

At the last session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, an act was passed incorporating "the Susquehanna Rail Road Company", with authority to make a railway from the northern terminus of the York & Cumberland Rail Road at Harrisburg to Williamsport Penn^a, a distance of 90 miles through the valley of the Susquehanna River, with an average grade of about 2 1/2 feet to the mile: At Williamsport the road will connect with the Williamsport & Elmira Rail Road which latter forms a junction at Elmira with the great New York & Erie road, and the other improvements of that State.

When the short link of railway is completed, and, it can be done in less than two years, Baltimore will possess a shorter line of Railway communication both with the West and the Lakes, than either New York or Philadelphia, and so important is the work considered to the prosperity of our City, that I have strong reasons for believing she will subscribe liberally to its construction.

With sentiments of high regard,
I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
W. M. Magraw
Pres!

State Department
Annapolis December 20th 1851

From To the Board of Directors
Secy of of the Maryland Penitentiary
State

Gentlemen:

The great press of business in this Department, for two months past, has rendered it impossible for the Governor to give the requisite consideration to the difficulty existing between your Board and the Rev^d D. Nyatt. He is anxious, however, to bring this matter to a close at an early day. He therefore requests that you meet, as soon as possible, and read, and act officially upon the enclosed letters. Copies would have been made out and sent, but really the Officers of this Department have not the time. You may reserve Copies; but must return the originals within a reasonable time. You will find that D. Nyatt proposes that the prisoners be each allowed one hour only during the week, for Religious instruction. If two hundred Prisoners, under the call of their respective Ministers, were allowed one hour per week, it would amount in the aggregate, for the entire year, to 10,400 hours or 433 1/3 days, counting 24 hours to the day, and 86 2/3 days counting 12 hours to the working day; or 4 1/3 days to each prisoner at 12 hours for the working day per year. The Governor wishes your opinion upon

to Secy. Board Directors Mr. Pen. in regard to the Controversy between them & D. Nyatt.