

To His Excellency,
 A. M. Bradford,
 Governor of Maryland

Sir On behalf of the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, and by authority of a resolution a copy of which we have recently had the honor of presenting to you, we respectfully ask the appointment by your Excellency of Commissioners charged with the duty of proceeding to Pennsylvania and of requesting the Governor of Pennsylvania to interpose his authority to prevent the consummation of an act repealing the franchise of the Pittsburg & Concessville Rail Road Company east of Concessville.

We ask the intercession of the Executive of the State, on the ground that citizens of Maryland have made large investments in the Rail Road whose franchise is attacked by the proposed legislation.

A majority of the Stock which by citizens of our State and nearly a million & a half of dollars has been advanced by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, representing nearly half the tax paying population of the State. For the security of this large advance, the Corporation of Baltimore holds a mortgage upon the Road, the value of which must be greatly impaired by a repeal of the franchise between Concessville & Cumberland, which would reduce the road, intended to be a great through route, to one of a merely local character for the carriage of County produce to Pittsburg, and entirely defeat the objects for which Maryland Capital has been invested in its construction.

These considerations, we think, justify the interposition of your Excellency to resist an attack upon a road in which full half the population of Maryland is interested. And we suggest as an additional motive for such interposition, the commercial interests of the whole State, in the great North Western Connection which the Pittsburg and Concessville Rail Road was intended to secure.

Very Respectfully
 Your obedient Servants
 R. M. Prond } of the
 J. M. Keiser } 1st Branch
 Hugh Carey Evans } of the
 J. M. Keiser } 2nd Branch

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