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REPORT

FROM THE

COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT

UPON

THE BALTIMORE AND SUSQUEHANNA RAIL ROAD.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 18, 1839.

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By order,

GEO. G. BREWER, Clk.

Your Committee in obedience to an order of the house, passed on the 15th Feb. ultimo, have carefully investigated the affairs of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, and respectfully submit, as the result of their investigation, the following Report:

The Road has been so far completed from Baltimore to the borough of York, in Pennsylvania, a distance of 57 miles, as to admit of the transportation of passengers and merchandize. The structure of the road is on the most permanent plan, and of so perfect a character, as, in the opinion of your committee, to rival any kindred work in the country. Though the cost of the work has far exceeded the estimates made at an early stage of its progress, and exposes the company to the imputation of prodigal and injudicious expenditure of their funds; yet the many difficulties they had to encounter, growing out of the inadequacy of their means to the accomplishment of such an undertaking; and the then limited knowledge in reference to such works, account for and excuse this apparent censurable extravagance. The company, with their original capital of \$450,000, and not looking forward to aid from the State or City, were compelled to