

rates, the question of uniformity alone requires consideration, for which we beg to refer to what has already been said a few lines previously.

2nd. Mr. Cohen next in order, on the report, refers principally to the rates, and whether and why they have been increased. (Of these in another place.)

3rd. Mr. B. F. Mackall, of Cecil, "a gentleman of great respectability and intelligence," summoned before the committee, stated that the railroad company's charges were so "enormously high," that he has declined availing himself as much as possible of the means of transportation thereon. Having referred to the *written* testimony, we find that Mr. Mackall there gives as the *only specification* of over charge and *extortion*, his being "charged 75 cents freight on two bags of Potatoes," and that the company had been indicted by the grand jury for this offence, at his instance, but the case has not yet been tried, though upwards of a year has elapsed since the finding of the indictment. This charge on the potatoes, even by the most rigid construction of the law, is fair—see the 27th section of the act, to incorporate the Baltimore and Port Deposit Railroad Company.

4th. Another citizen of Cecil county, Mr. W. H. Gilpin, testifies, as we find by reference to the *written* testimony—"that sometime in January last, he had some small articles of freight, to be transported from Baltimore to Elkton, and on asking what would be charged for freight," the agent at Baltimore answered that it would be thirty seven and a half cents;" "witness asked him if the rates were not thirty cents, per hundred pounds, he replied in the affirmative,"—witness expostulated and stated it was unreasonable to charge more on light articles, than those of greater bulk; the reply was, no matter about the size or bulk of the article, even if they were no bigger than his fist, the charge would be 37½ cents, if it were of less weight than 100 lbs., "the whole amount of bill was 87 1 2 cents, gross sum of the lot of articles supposed by witness to have weighed one hundred and twenty pounds." We, the minority will leave it to the judgment and good sense of every member of the house, to draw his inferences from the testimony above repeated. All the other bills handed in to the committee, were procured and given in to the committee by Messrs. Gilpin and Mackall, except those of Mr. Maegaw and Duvall. The manifest of the company, presented to the committee, where the charge of which Mr. Maegaw complains of, is made. To shew that the company has evidenced no disposition to extortion or oppression—we mention that there are fourteen other articles entered in the manifest by the company's agent, free from any charge whatever. It is also admitted that the agent weighed some of the hogsheads of the bark, and it is alledged that the cars were detained *for several days on account of the bark*, for all of which the company are allowed to charge by the aforesaid 27th section of the original act of incorporation.