

*Copy of a letter of enquiry directed to the State Directors in the
Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.*

ANNAPOLIS, December 8, 1839.

Gentlemen,—

You will oblige me by furnishing me with information in relation to the following enquiries:

What agreement has been made by the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company for the sale of its State bonds?

Is that agreement concluded, or is it to be submitted to the board of directors for their ratification?

What disposition has the company made, or does it intend to make of its city stock?

Does the company consider itself at liberty to apply the proceeds of the State bonds to the construction of the road between Harper's Ferry and Cumberland?

How much of the road between those points is now under contract; what is the estimated cost of it, and what amount has already been expended?

What is the amount of the present debts of the company?

What is the estimated cost of the road from Cumberland to Wheeling, and how much has been expended on that part of the route?

What are the means of the company for constructing the road from Harper's Ferry to Wheeling exclusive of the six millions subscribed by the State and the city of Baltimore?

What are the receipts and expenses of the main stem and Washington branch for the last year?

I understand that the annual accounts are made up to the 1st of November or December. I wish to know the profits of the company as calculated to the time of making the annual report. I wish also to have a copy of the agreement lately made in Europe for the sale of the State bonds.

I am collecting information from the internal improvement companies that I may be able to inform the Legislature of their present condition.

I remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. GRASON.

To Messrs. Hawkins, Cooke, Nicholas, Mosher, Hooper, McPherson, Scott, Hammond, Ely and Fitzhugh, State Directors in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.