

*Letter from James L. Hawkins in reply.*

BALTIMORE, 12th Dec. 1839.

*Dear Sir,—*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th inst.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company yesterday, there was but five State directors present; Messrs. Cooke, Hooper, Hammond, Nicholas and myself. The answers to the several enquiries are ordered to be prepared, and a special request by the Secretary of the company to the five State directors who were absent yesterday, to attend at the next meeting, 18th instant, and a communication will be forthwith forwarded to you.

With very great respect,

I have the honor to be very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

JAMES L. HAWKINS.

To His Excellency

WM. GRASON, Gov. of Maryland.

*Answer of State Directors to enquiries.*

To His Excellency WILLIAM GRASON,

*Governor of Maryland.*

The directors representing the stock of the State in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company having received your Excellency's letter of the 9th inst., containing a series of enquiries relative to the affairs of the company, respectfully reply:

That having stated the nature of the enquiries to the board, at their meeting of Wednesday last, they passed a resolution requesting the President to furnish the State Directors, with the requisite information.

Every facility was promptly afforded by the President for possessing ourselves of the necessary papers and information, and we hope the following will be considered full replies to the several enquiries propounded.

The first is—"What agreement has been made by the President for the sale of the State Bonds?"

The second—"Is that agreement concluded or is it to be submitted to the Board of Directors, for their ratification?"

And your Excellency expresses a wish, in the conclusion of the series, for a copy of the agreement.

The copy is herewith submitted, in the form of a correspondence consisting of two letters, the first from the President to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., of the 12th October last, and the other of the same date, from that house to the President, in reply; both written at London, and relating exclusively to the agreement.