

## OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO R. R. Co.

January 24th, 1843.

To W. V. BUSKIRK, Esq.

*Chairman Committee of Internal Improvement, Ho. Del.*

SIR,—I received on the 20th your letter of the 19th inst., transmitting a copy of an order passed by the House of Delegates on the 16th inst., in the following words—

“Ordered, that the committee on internal improvement inquire of the president, and if necessary, other officers of said companies of this State.

1. “The name of all such individuals as have been employed, or authorised to be employed by the said companies, the amount of compensation paid to, allowed or claimed by such persons for services rendered during the past sessions of the General Assembly of this State, together with the services stipulated to be rendered by such persons during the past sessions.

2. “Whether any of the said companies have employed, or intend employing any individuals to attend the present General Assembly, and if so, their names, the services stipulated for, and the amount of compensation offered or demanded.

3. “What amount of free tickets have been authorised or issued by the president, directors or other officers of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

4. “Whether the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company have not paid out in the State of Maryland, the money of other States at its par value, and afterwards refused to receive such monies for transportation of passengers, produce or minerals, except at a discount.

5. “The names of all such persons as have been employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, as legal counsel, the services rendered, and compensation charged by or allowed to such counsel.

6. “The names of the officers and agents in the employment of said companies, with the annual salary, and other compensation of said officers and agents, together with a particular statement of the amount of extra pay, or additional compensation, which has at any time been paid or given, or contracted to be paid or given, to any officer or agent of either of said companies, and the services for which such extra pay or additional compensation has been given or paid, or contracted so to be, and that the said officers report before the 15th of February next.”

So far as this order relates to this company, I submit the following answers—

1st. Presuming that this question does not apply to such attention, as in the accustomed line of their duty may have been given by the president and directors, to the affairs of the company before the Legislature, without special compensation, I have to state, that the accompanying official statement from the secretary