

Copy of a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvement, dated 23rd of February, 1842.

OFFICE OF THE BALT. AND OHIO RAIL ROAD,
February 23rd, 1842.

To W. V. BUSKIRK, ESQ.

Chairman of committee on Internal Improvements.

SIR,—The president of this company being sick and confined to his bed, I have your communication of the 19th instant, containing the following order of the House of Delegates before me: “Ordered, That the committee on Internal Improvements be directed to inquire of the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, of the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and of the President of the Susquehanna Rail Road Company.

“1st. The number of officers annually in the employment of said companies, since the 1st January, 1838, with tables annexed, shewing the names and salaries of said officers respectively, and the particular station held by each individual in the several years of 1838, '39, '40 and '41.

2nd. “What officers of said companies have received extra allowances, and what amounts have been paid or stipulated to be paid to each of said officers respectively, and for what purpose.”

In answer, I have prepared, and herewith transmit to you a copy of a letter of the president, dated 20th January, 1840, to the then chairman of the committee on Internal Improvement of the House of Delegates, and also copies of the documents which accompanied that letter.

The changes which have been made, since that period, are the following, viz :

1st. The salary of the depot agent at Washington has been increased \$200 per annum.

2nd. The salary of the depot agent at Harpers Ferry has been reduced \$300 per annum; and his clerk, whose salary was \$420 per annum, dispensed with.

3rd. The two offices of passenger and tonnage agents have been united into one, by which a saving of \$800 per annum has been made.

4th. The salaries of two clerks in the transportation department have been reduced \$240 per annum.

5th. The parties on surveys west of Cumberland, have been disbanded, by which an expenditure of \$7,500 per annum is done away with.

6th. The number of division engineers between Harpers Ferry and Cumberland has been reduced from three to two, by which there is a saving of \$1300 per annum.

7th. Four resident engineers whose aggregate amount of salaries was \$4000 per annum, have been dispensed with.