

*Minutes of the Board, fixing salary and appointing President,  
December 27th, 1836.*

“Resolved, That the salary of the president be fixed at six thousand dollars per annum, to commence on the 1st January 1837, payable quarterly.”

“The board then, on motion, proceeded to ballot in order to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Patterson, and Messrs. Hawkins and Patterson were appointed tellers; when on counting the ballots, it was ascertained that the whole of the votes present had been given to Louis McLane, Esquire, who was thereupon declared to be duly elected President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.”

“On motion, resolved, That Messrs. Patterson, Swan and Latrobe, be a committee to proceed to New York, for the purpose of announcing to Mr. McLane his appointment, and communicating with him in relation thereto.”

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy,

J. I. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*

*February 14th, 1843.*

*Letter of acceptance of the Presidency, January 28th, 1837.*

NEW YORK, *January 28th, 1837.*

GENTLEMEN,—I have already had the pleasure, in our interviews in this city, to express my acknowledgments of the kind and handsome manner, in which the directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company have elected me to the office of president; and I beg leave, on this occasion, to convey them to your colleagues in the board.

Regarding the enterprise with which the directors have been pleased to connect me, as one of the most important of our national works, deeply interesting to the states with which it is immediately connected, and especially, essential to the prosperity of Maryland and the city of Baltimore, I should feel a pride in being associated with its future progress and completion.

Any steps for this purpose, however, would have to be reconciled, in point of time, to the interests which might be effected by separating from my present connections; and it was, moreover, necessary that I should be made acquainted with the grounds justifying a reasonable prospect of my being able to realize the expectations of the directors, and of the practicability of completing, by our joint exertions, the great work they have in hand.

The explanations of the committee upon the first point being satisfactory, the last, and to the board and myself the most important, remained for consideration.

In my reflections upon this subject, it was impossible I should be unmindful of the over-estimate which the board have been