

On repairs of Railway, Washington Branch.

Reduction in wages of men and horse hire, per annum,	1,704 00
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On repairs of Machinery, M. S. and W. B.

Reduction in wages of men,	3,494 16
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On construction of Machinery.

Reduction in wages of men, amounting per month to \$111 $\frac{46}{100}$, which, for three months, the time these men will be required, will be	335 88
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On wages of force engaged in preparing materials for the construction and repairs of railway, bridges, water stations, switches, &c., the reduction has been per annum	776 88
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Total estimated saving per annum,	<u><u>\$10,829 64</u></u>
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I may here add, that in determining upon the recent reduction of forces, and curtailment of wages, I was wholly governed by a strong desire to affect the saving without prejudice to the interests of the company.

It may be said, that as the sub-divisions on the Main Stem, in one instance, has been extended to 21 miles in length, the Washington Branch being but 31 miles, and of a more substantial construction, might be placed under the supervision of one man. It must be recollected however, that the amount of labour consequent upon the extensive and continued slipping in the several deep cuts is much greater upon that road, than upon any equal extent of the Main Stem—hence it is believed, no further reduction can be at present effected in the supervisory force on that road.

With a view farther to satisfy you of the economy of the operations of the Main Stem and Washington Branch of this road, I have obtained from the Philadelphia and the Susquehanna Roads, information which enables me to make the following comparisons; which, having in view the advantages enjoyed by these roads in several important particulars, exhibit results very favorable to this Company.

Repairs of Road and Bridges.

The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company have on 91 miles of their road, eight supervisors of repairs—	
1 from Canton to Havre de Grace, at per annum,	\$1,000
7 from the Susquehanna river to Gray's Ferry at \$1 25 per day,	3,150

Total cost of local supervision,	<u><u>\$4,150</u></u>
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Or at the rate of \$45.60 per mile per annum.