

the reason probably, that the duties performed are of a more fixed character than those required in the other departments, and not subject to the continual fluctuation to which those last mentioned are liable.

In venturing to suggest a reduction of expense in the engineer corps, your committee are influenced by the consideration that the financial difficulties of the company, and the present embarrassed state of the country, demand the exercise of the strictest economy; and the increased value of money, taken in connexion with the low prices of all the necessaries of life, in their opinion justifies the measure; which they do not doubt will be cheerfully submitted to by those who will be affected by it.

As it is expected that in a few weeks the road will be completed to Hancock, and of course the services of the persons now employed on that portion of it will be no longer required; it is proposed therefore to discharge them, from and after the 1st of June next, and your committee for that purpose recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after the 1st of June next, or sooner if practicable, the division engineer, resident engineers, vanemen and axemen, now employed on the road between Harpers Ferry and Hancock, be discharged.

SAMUEL I. DONALDSON, *Chairman.*
 JAMES HARWOOD,
 COLUMBUS O'DONNELL,
 WM. H. MARRIOTT.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, held on Wednesday, May 4th, the following resolution was adopted:

On motion of Mr. Giles, seconded by Mr. Harwood, it was resolved, that so much of the report of the committee and accompanying documents, as the committee who reported it may deem necessary, be printed for the use of the stockholders, and that the secretary be directed to transmit copies of the same to the Governor of the State, to the Mayor of the city, and to the members of the City Council of Baltimore.