

of the United States, by Charles Ellet, Jr." a distinguished professional gentleman formerly at the head of the engineer department of the principal internal improvement of Virginia. They have governed the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company in the graduation of its tolls as above stated, and have been recognised and applied by other lines of transportation throughout the United States, and in a remarkable manner upon the Western Rail Road of Massachusetts, on which flour has been carried *through* from Albany to Boston at a *less aggregate* charge than from intermediate places on the same line.

It may be added that such a sliding scale of rates is especially essential to so long a line as the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road.

In conclusion I take leave to remark that the great aim of the company has been, paying liberal regard to the interests of all parts of the community, to give the greatest possible expansion to the business of the road; whereby not only it has been enabled to make its annual contributions to the revenues and Treasury of the State, or may be expected to make them in future.

I cannot doubt that after the House of Delegates have investigated the subject with the attention it merits, they will be satisfied that the arrangements of the company could not be disturbed, without manifest prejudice to the public interests.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LOUIS McLANE,

President.