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The committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice to whom was referred an order of the House of Delegates of the 28th of December, directing certain enquiries relative to the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company, beg leave to submit the following

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By the order of the House of Delegates of the 28th of December, the committee were directed "to enquire into, and report to the House whether the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company has not violated its charter by entering into combinations prejudicial to the public interest." In obedience to the above order, the committee proceeded to propound to the President of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company, the following interrogatories, and received in reply the answers of the company herewith submitted.

Interrogatories on the part of the Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, of the House of Delegates of the Legislature of Maryland, propounded to M. Brooke Buckley, President of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company, as follows, to wit:

1st. Whether the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company, has not entered into a contract or agreement uniting the interests of that company with those of the "Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland Steam Navigation Company?" And if so—what are the terms and conditions of such contract or agreement?

2nd. Whether, said rail road company, has not entered into a contract or agreement with the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal Company? And if so, what are the nature and terms of such contract or agreement?

3rd. What was the fare charged from Baltimore to Philadelphia upon said rail road, on the first day January, April, July and October, in the years 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843 and on the first day of January 1844?