

“Ordered further, That the President’s of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, and of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road company, respectively, report to this House without delay, whether their rates of charges for tolls, travel or freight, on said roads respectively, on both directions, have been uniform; what those rates and charges have been, whether they are rated and charged by weight, bulk, number, or otherwise, and whether those rates and charges are made in proportion to the actual distance or travel per mile, on said roads respectively.”

Whereupon it was on motion resolved, that in answer to the first interrogatory in the first of the foregoing orders, and to the 5th paragraph in the order of the 31st January, the Board transmit the following papers marked 1, 2, and 3, containing lists of all the officers employed in the service of the company during the year’s 1842, 1843, and to the 1st of January, 1845, and designating the compensation paid to and received by each; also a list, No. 4, shewing what officers of this company, and other persons travel on the Rail Road free of charge.

2nd. That in answer to the second interrogatory in the order dated the 9th of January, 1845, the Board transmit an extract, marked A, from the annual report of the President and Directors to the Stockholders on the 1st of October, 1842, shewing the present situation of the Bonds of the State now held by the company.

The Board further state, that of the \$3,200,000 in sterling bonds, five thousand two hundred and fifty pounds have been sold at about the par value of a five per cent. stock, and the proceeds applied to the general purposes of the company—as has been heretofore announced in the annual reports; the balance remaining in the company’s hands, as shewn by the foregoing papers, is \$3,181,005 11. The Board add, that upon the said amount of £5,250, the company have semi-annually paid, and will continue to pay the interest in London.

Of the debt to the Messrs. Baring, for the iron rails, two instalments of \$50,000 each, and the interest upon the entire debt to the 1st of October last have been duly paid. The last annual report shews that the instalment of the last year was paid in advance, at a saving to the company of \$1,000. The balance of the principal yet unpaid amounts to \$203,702 74, payable in annual instalments of \$50,000: and of the ability of the company regularly to make the payments according to the contract, no doubt can be entertained.

In connection with this enquiry, the Board annex a copy of a letter from the President of the company to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Delegates, dated 9th January, 1843, as embodying the views of the Board upon this subject.

The Board further add, that although they do not doubt that it is quite in their power to get the actual possession of the bonds whenever it may become advisable to do so, they would be unwilling to deliver them up to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, unless it should be the pleasure of the General Assembly to provide