

REPORT.

To the Honorable,

The House of Delegates of the State of Maryland:

The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following order passed by your Honorable body March 16th, 1853.

“WHEREAS, by section 5th of the act of Assembly, passed at December session 1837, chapter 31, the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, were required to make uniform and equal charges for the transportation of freight and passengers over their road between the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia.”

“Ordered, That the President of said Company, do report forthwith to this House, whether the said provision of said law is now, or has heretofore been violated by said Company, and whether by means of through tickets, or any other arrangement with other companies, any other or different charges are made for the transportation of through passengers going beyond said cities, than for those travelling between said cities, and whether any and what discriminations in favor of such through travel in rates of charge be made, and if so to state the arrangements under which they are made.”

The section referred to, is in the following language: “section 5. And be it enacted, That the rate of tolls of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, for freight or transportation of passengers shall be uniform equal, and alike upon freight or passengers transported from Philadelphia to Baltimore and from Baltimore, to Philadelphia, and for equal distances in either direction.”

It is to be presumed that the Legislature did not intend that precisely the same rates should be charged on *all* passengers between Philadelphia and Baltimore, whether first or second class adults, children or emigrants, but that the same rates should be charged on the same class of passengers. It is well known to those at all familiar with Railroads and other modes of conveyance, that both passengers and freight are obliged to be classified, and the rate charged must depend upon the class to which each belongs. The first class passengers require quick trains and expressive cars, costing from two to three thousand dollars