

her steps, and afford a passage for the rail-road, upon such terms as the Legislature may in its wisdom think proper. Should you concur with me in the opinion, that the dignity and interest of the State are concerned in this matter, I would strenuously urge upon you the importance of finally adjusting the subject, (should it be in your power,) in such a way as to leave no room for future injustice, but to compel the canal company to permit the rail-road to pass as far as Harper's Ferry, according to the resolution of the Legislature, and in such a manner as will enable the company to construct the rail-road without any additional expense in consequence of the changes which have been made in the location of the canal.

A copy of the last annual report of the Rail Road Company, together with a communication from the President of that company, is herewith submitted.

I also submit a report from the agent of the state, who attended the meetings of the Canal Company, which were called to consider the resolution of the state before referred to.

The Susquehannah Rail-Road has made considerable progress the past season, and the importance of that work would justify a still greater share of the patronage and liberality of the state. I have not received any report from the Directors of this company, but presume it will be laid before you, during the session.

Permit me to call your attention to the subject of the Inspection of Flour. The present law appears to be liable to some objections, and, in my opinion, no law upon this subject could be passed which could have a better effect than one similar to those now existing in the states of New York and Pennsylvania. There is no subject of more importance to the people of every class than the establishment and preservation of a proper standard, and for the inspection of the essential article of flour, and until such standard is put upon the same footing with those of our sister states, this yast staple of our state will not command abroad the price which is given for the same articles from other quarters. The standard for this article, once adopted, ought to continue the same, even should the crop of wheat from any casualty be so indifferent as not to make a barrel of su-