

for skill and experience in their profession, and one of them had, on a former occasion, as the agent of the state of Maryland, made an actual survey of the same route, with a view to a canal, then in contemplation, between the two cities of Washington and Baltimore.

The engineers availing themselves of the use of the former survey, as soon as the state of the weather would permit, proceeded to make a reconnoissance of the proposed route of the rail road, and have reported accordingly.

We submit herewith, the communication made by these gentlemen to the committee, accompanied by a map and profile of the projected route, which furnish, very distinctly, and from sources much to be relied upon, nearly all the information required at the hands of the committee, by the order of the house. We think it proper however, so to condense that information as to call the attention of your honourable body to its principal points.

It represents the length of the proposed road to be 34 miles, measuring from a point about six miles from Baltimore, at which it will intersect the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, to a point near the General Post Office at Washington.

The time that will probably be required for its completion it is believed cannot exceed three years, and the cost of the whole is estimated at \$576,182 00.

The above being ascertained, our next inquiry is, what amount of annual revenue will the work probably yield?

Upon this subject the committee have been careful to rely on the information of such persons only, whose knowledge is derived from actual experience in the conveyance of passengers or goods, between Baltimore and the cities of the District of Columbia.

Several of the most respectable stage owners, steamboat agents, and persons concerned in sending and receiving goods by wagons, and also the proprietor of the toll-bridge across the Patapsco, promptly furnished the committee with the requisite information, which is as follows, viz.

Amount of passage money received for stage coaches, annually	\$100,000
Receipts for passage in steam boats by the route of the Potomac	5,200
Freight in steam-boats	20,000
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Making the whole annual receipts amount at least to	\$125,000