

age rates of the latter rail roads, exceed those of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, in the transportation of passengers, as 6 to 4; in that of merchandize, as 8 to 6.

Your committee have not overlooked the authority invested in the company by the act of 1836, ch. 395, to increase the charge for transportation of passengers to any amount "not exceeding one cent per mile, for each person," but believing it inadequate to the exigencies of the company, they would not hesitate to recommend a further advance, reserving to the State the right of regulating the tolls, as far as concerns her own citizens.

In recommending an increase of rates, your committee would except the great articles of domestic produce and home consumption, viz: flour, grain, whiskey, coal, iron, lime ore, lumber, plaister, fish and salt, not only because their cheap transportation is identified with the prosperity of the whole community, to which all lesser interests should be postponed; but, that it is a just discrimination, in behalf of those, for whose more immediate benefit, the great avenues of internal communication are designed.

Your committee cannot conclude, without expressing their opinion, that the high enterprize, patriotic purpose and self-sacrificing spirit exhibited in the projection and prosecution of this national work, together with the inestimable, moral and political results, (exclusive of the deep pecuniary interest of the State,) involved in its completion—entitle it to the fostering care and favorable consideration of the General Assembly. In conformity with which views, your committee report the accompanying bill.

Mr. Bowie then reported a bill entitled, an act relating to charges for transportation upon the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Goldsborough from the committee on colored population, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to authorise McClintock Young of Washington city, to bring into this State his slave William, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second, and by special order the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned until to morrow morning, 10 o'clock.