

Determined in the negative.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following

REPORT.

To the General Assembly of Maryland:

The Commissioners of Public Works respectfully represent that owing to the disturbed condition of the country, they have found it impossible to obtain such information of the condition of the various works of Internal Improvement in which the State is interested as to enable them to report as required by article 7th, section 1st, of the Constitution of the State.

But in obedience to an order of the Senate of the 7th inst. they submit the following, containing all the information they could obtain to the present time:

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

The operations of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have been much delayed and interrupted by the frequent incursions of the Rebel forces into the State, and it was not until the 29th of March, 1862, that the line was restored to the company, after having been closed for through operations from the 28th of May, 1861; during the interval the enemy had possession of and destroyed more than one hundred miles of the road; that portion of the road lying between Harper's Ferry and Cumberland was again taken possession of and held by them until the 25th of June, 1862.

On the 6th of September, 1862, the Rebels again obtained possession of a portion of the main stem, and the company was unable to resume through business until the 6th of January, 1863.

Since then portions of the road have from time to time fallen into the hands of the enemy, and the trade and travel been interrupted.

The building of a second track upon the Washington branch is in rapid progress, and it is confidently expected that the work will be completed within the coming six months.

The road is now in complete working order and using every effort to accommodate the immense trade, which is daily increasing.

The company from various uncontrollable causes, has been prevented from making for the years 1862 and 1863 its usual report.