

MEMORIAL

To the *Honorable*

The General Assembly of Maryland:

The memorial of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road company respectfully sets forth.

That your memorialists are apprised by the published reports of the Inaugural Address made to your honorable Body by his Excellency the Governor on the 6th inst., that it is understood, "that large sums received by the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road company, and the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal companies, which rightfully belonged to the State, have been applied by those companies to meet other than their engagements with the State, and that these difficulties can only be corrected by a more efficient organization of the supervisory power of the State over those corporations." After recommending the establishment of a Board of Public Works, to be clothed with full power to supervise and protect the interest of the State therein and pointing out some of the advantages expected to result from such a measure, the address as published contains likewise the following remarks. "The Legislature might also rely upon a Board thus constructed for full and accurate information in reference to the condition of those corporations, to guide their future action."

The Legislature now appoints a majority of the whole number of Directors of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road company, and how far the interests of the State would be advanced by a change in the nature of her relations with the company is a question on which it may not become your memorialists at this time to express any opinion; but they cannot but feel that the remarks to which they have above referred, contain grave charges against them of at least official misconduct. They are not aware in what particular instance the funds of this company are understood to have been improperly appropriated, but they cannot believe, that it was intended to charge your memorialists with having applied them to any other objects than those shown by the reports and accounts which have been annually submitted to the Executive of the State and the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, for the information of the General Assembly, the city Council, and the Stockholders of the company. If the impression has been made upon the minds of the members of the Legislature, that the accuracy of these statements of the condition of the work entrusted to their charge cannot be relied on, your memorialists respectfully protest against the injustice of such an imputation, and pray of your honorable Body, to take such measures as will best ascer-