

Mr. Shellman B. Brown,

Gen' Supt., A. W. & B. R. R.

Annapolis, Md.,

DEAR SIR:—Replying to your inquiry in regard to the Severn river draw which this county put in about ten years ago, would state that in order to test the condition of the piles under the old draw that Mr. J. E. Greiner, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, fully examined and had one or two piles pulled up, found them all right, so much so that he advised the construction of a centre pin for draw, which was made, and since its completion has given entire satisfaction. Our bridge was built in 1887, and the piles were not protected in any way.

Yours truly,

W. H. BROWN.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 10th, 1900.

Mr. J. Wilson Brown, President

Baltimore & Annapolis Short Line,

Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR:—I have heard that during the discussion relative to your bridge over the Severn river (now being held in the Legislature of this State), that I at one time, as president of the B. C. & A. Ry. Co., sent an engineer down to investigate it, and that upon his report to the effect that the bridge referred to was not in his opinion, as strong as it should be, certain negotiations between our respective companies were dropped. I take this occasion to assure you that there is no truth whatever in this report. It is entirely without foundation.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. WILSON.

Mr. Moore, from the Committee on Corporations reported unfavorably,

Senate bill No. 129, entitled "An Act to amend section 2, chapter 123, of the Laws of Maryland, 1865, entitled 'an Act to incorporate the Annapolis Water Company,' so as to limit the capital stock of 1,220 shares, and to