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*Report of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Delegates of Maryland, in reference to the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company, January Session, 1864:*

The committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the subject of so much of the Governor's message and the Comptroller's report, as relates to the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad Company, respectfully report that in order to arrive at a full understanding of the affairs of the said company, and its obligations to the State, they notified the president of the said company of the inquiry which would be instituted and desired him to furnish such an explanatory statement as would enable the committee to act with a full knowledge of all the facts pertinent to the subject submitted to their investigation.

This statement was furnished the 9th of February, together with accompanying statements A, B and C, and under an order of this House the same was printed as Document H, herewith filed, to which your committee refer as a part of their report.

Neither the Governor nor the Comptroller denies the correctness of the construction which has been placed by the company upon sections two and three, of the act of 1841, chapter 168. And your committee concurring in the construction which has been placed upon the acts of 1841, chapter 168, and 1846, chapter 234, can perceive no necessity for any declaratory act, or any action which may receive a judicial interpretation of the act in question. Under the 7th section of the Act of 1841, chapter 168, it is the duty of the President and Directors, as soon as the situation of the company will admit, to have and keep in readiness a sufficient number of cars for the transportation of all produce that may be brought to said road for that purpose, and for the greater convenience of the public it shall be the duty of said company, whenever its situation will permit to establish such additional depots or switches on said road as may be required by the wants of the community and the public convenience. Such net profits as the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad has earned, your committee think were properly applied under the Act to the purchase of additional cars, engines, &c., and the building of stations and the enlarging of its depots before they were legally applicable to the payment of the interest on the bonds issued under the said Acts. When the Comptroller stated by letter to the company that there had accumulated in the Treasury a large amount applicable to the