

Maryland, enter our solemn protest against the authorization, by Congress, of any railroad within the State of Maryland, connecting with the Northern Central Railroad, and extending to the limits of the District of Columbia, *declaring, in our judgment, no necessity whatever can be successfully shown to exist for such authorization.*"

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 GEO. SLOTHOWER,
 THOMAS J. TULL,
 THOS. F. J. RIDER,
 OLIVER MILLER.

In conclusion, your committee need only state that up to the present hour, it has been abundantly demonstrated that the existing railroad between Baltimore and Washington, with its double track, and large means of transportation, is able to supply all the needs of the Government and of the traveling community. This it has done in seasons of extraordinary pressure, when it was necessary to meet the greatest military exigencies. The means of communication, which have been thus ample in time of war, will prove more than sufficient on the return of peace. And your committee does not deem it expedient that the war should be made the pretext for making an unnecessary change in the railroad system, which this State has heretofore inaugurated.

Your committee feels that there is less necessity for pressing these views upon the House, because the House has already fully expressed its judgment upon the questions involved in this bill, and in kindred projects. When a bill similar to that in purpose with that referred to your committee, was before the House of Representatives of the United States, the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland expressed their views unanimously upon the subject. Your committee, entertaining a clear opinion as to the object of the present bill, while it disclaims all purpose to identify citizens of Maryland, who choose to favor the plan of the new road, with the designs which the bill is intended to effect, deems it necessary only to quote to this House its own resolution, unanimously adopted at the present session, as a sufficient reason for the rejection of this bill.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, That we do hereby, in the name of the State of