Office of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

20TH DECEMBER, 1831.

To his Excellency the Governor,
and the Honorable Executive Council of Maryland:

Since the last report of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company to the Executive of the State, the operations of this company have been continued with unremitted activity, and the rail road has been opened for travel as far as to Frederick, a distance of 61 miles from the depot of the company at the head of the basin in the city of Baltimore; a single line of tracks has also been so nearly completed to "the Point of Rocks," on the Potomac river, as to afford a full assurance that the communication between the tide waters of the Chesapeake bay and that river, will very soon be opened through this channel.

The President and Directors believe it due to the interests of the great work over which they preside, as well as to the legislature of the state, that they should, on this occasion, refer to some of the circumstances which led to the formation of this company.

The establishment of an efficient, speedy and economical means of intercommunication between the different sections of our country, had been for a long time deemed of such importance, as to involve, not only the well being, but perhaps the very existence of our social compact. The citizens of Baltimore, deeply sensible of this truth, and appreciating the great benefits which would be derived from a participation in the commerce of the valleys of the Ohio and Upper Mississippi; which commerce has been forced to seek an outlet