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I will now say a word on the subject of the relationship of Mr. Teackle in relation to the E.S.R. Road. It is believed that when in the presence of the friends of the road he never has lost an opportunity of claiming whatever credit there may be supposed to be attached to its inception & prosecution, except on two occasions. No one has disputed this claim with Mr. Teackle altho it is perfectly certain the plan did not originate with him — The Delaware & the Virginia people may be said to have originated or first proposed the plan of connecting the North & the South by a R. road through this peninsula — They procured Maryland in their Charters for this purpose, and it was not until Mr Teackle saw that the plan of a road through six of the counties of this shore was about to become popular as a more feasible plan for improvement, and as a necessary measure of defence against the establishment of another road through Delaware and the proposed connection, and so useful to Maryland; & knowing that others were prepared to offer the Maryland plan at a proper time, that he ~~determined to take the lead~~ conceived the plan of surreptitiously getting up and seizing upon a charter for this purpose. He can never accomplish any object if he puts himself out boldly in view of the legislature or the advocates or supporters of it. So soon as he does this, he is so well known in Annapolis, that suspicion is immediately on foot, & the chances are that his