for twenty yards on each side of the sixty feet
bed of road, and of giving to them full powers of
Banking in any part of the State &c. &c. — No
sooner was this message arriving the house to
reconsider the bills & send them back to the senate read,
than the message was concurred in by acclamation.
The bills were then repealed by each branch with a
unanimous vote. No one but Teackle had read
and understood the System, & the gentlemen whose
names the respective bills bore, declared each in his
turn he had not read the bills together and did not
understand them, and alleged they had moved them chiefly
to gratify the importunities of Mr. Teackle — after
these gentlemen had made their disavowal, Mr.
Teackle sneaked into the Senate chamber, and denied
that the bills were his!! This he took a special care not to
do on the floor of the house! — Here is one occasion
on which Mr. Teackle disowned the paternity of the E.
S. R. Road — The second occasion was in May 1838 be-
fore a full board of Directors (to the no small surprise
of the Somerset Directors) at the very meeting which cancelled
& annulled all his scandalous doings as far as the board
had the power to do it. — It was hoped for the benefit
of the road that henceforth he would continue to deny its paternity.
Having shown how completely Mr. Teackle tricked
& cheated the Legislature, the collected wisdom of the State,
in 1835, into the enactment of a monstrous charter with
gigantic & unheard of powers, without, it is verily believed,
a solitary member in each branch knowing what he had
done — Is it matter of wonder; is it matter of surprise
& of so much reproach to them, that the same adept
should have cheated two or three Directors of the road?