be made at the prices there fixed by the estimates.
In no instance but one can the Col.' estimates
be faulted and that is in the cost of the right of way. The
reason why farmers whose lands many of them are not
worth five dollars an acre, expect and demand enor-
mous damages for going through the rutabagas of their
wood land can be as well told by Wm Handy him-
self as any other individual. These demands are made
in the face of the known and acknowledged fact that all
lands lying remote from the cities & convenient to rail roads are doubled & tripled
in price upon their construction and establishment. In
truth I know that Col. K's estimates were made as he
believed at maximum prices, & they will be pronounced
by any engineer of experience; and I know & so does Teackle, he was more anxious
to swell the cost than diminish it, feeling that the undoubted
cheapness of the construction of the road, with those not knowing the locality,
his estimates abroad. — But Col. K. did not expect
that the road would encounter in its own bosom
among the men to be most benefited by it, sleepless ene-
mies, who would kill off the road by exhorbitant
damages for the right of way, & by every other obstru-
tion they could throw in the way of it. Col. K.
little thought that in this age of universal improvement
that the application under the "log rolling act" of
about the one fifteenth part of the proposed expenditures
of the state given to the only purpose of ~~national~~ national
improvement which has yet been brought forth
there, should raise up on that shore a man who
could trim the midnight lamp of a whole session