

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland.

The President and Managers of the Baltimore and Reisters-town Turnpike Road Company, in the protection of the interests confided to them, again appeal to the justice of the Legislature of Maryland, to defend those interests from injuries they are likely to suffer, from the construction of a branch of the Susquehanna Rail Road towards Westminster. And to induce the Legislature to believe, they do not appeal to that justice from light or trivial causes, but from an honest and proper sense that unmerited and unnecessary injury is about to be inflicted upon them, and from a thorough conviction, that if their views are fully explained and correctly understood, the Legislature will not aid the construction of the branch road in question. With the original scheme, of constructing a rail road from Baltimore to the river, the Directors of the Turnpike Company have no cause of complaint. It is with the plan of directing the rail road from that noble object, abandoning that, either partially or totally, and pursuing it towards Westminster, or in that direction, that they do complain.

The Turnpike Company derives its existence from a charter of this State granted in the year, at November session, 1804. Relying upon that charter, various citizens of Maryland, paid their money, and faithfully constructed a durable and public road from Baltimore, one branch of which runs towards Gettysburg, and another towards Carlisle, in Pennsylvania. The expectation was, that a good road in that direction would attract the trade of the Cumberland valley, permanently towards Baltimore upon these two branches of the turnpike. The only profit and advantage which the stockholders in the Turnpike Company expected, or could reap, was from tolls to be paid by passengers, and upon the transportation of merchandize. These stockholders expected and justly believed, not that they had, or could have, any exclusive privileges, but that the Legislature