APPENDIX.

Since the preceding memorial was prepared for the consideration of the Legislature, we have seen a memorial of the Rail Road Company to your Honorable Body.

A leading object of that memorial, is to induce you to aid them in their design of reaching Westminster. "In determining the expediency of extending the branch road to Westminster according to the plan proposed, two points of enquiry are presented for consideration"—by that memorial.

1. The benefits to be derived from it to the community.
2. The security of the State in contributing her aid as solicited.

Such is the language of the memorial.

In support of the first proposition, after the statement of some general principles, which have no force in any scheme unless sustained by facts applicable to them, it is said in the memorial, "its route would pass through *the heart of the State of Maryland*, through a *fertile* region abounding with an industrious population. Its termination will be at a point in *near proximity*, to the populous and productive S. W. counties of Pennsylvania, as well as some of the richest districts of Maryland. At that point of termination, the *principal roads* leading from *most* of these districts *towards* Baltimore meet."

We deny that the rail road from Baltimore to Westminster would pass through the *heart* of the State. It will necessarily be a local road, limited in extent, running through but a small portion of the State. That it will pass through a *fertile* region can be said with as little accuracy. We have never understood, that the soil from Baltimore to Westminster was remarkably fertile, and the route proposed certainly passes along much of the worst of it. What is meant by its termination at a point in *near proximity* to the S. W. counties of Pennsylvania is not exactly understood; and as to its being near to some of the richest districts of Maryland, those districts, if they exist, must certainly be south of the proposed road, have other and equally cheap and convenient roads to market, and indeed, are