reports a decrease of the travel over that road, and a diminution in the receipts for transportation, and showing at the same time a corresponding economy in its administration. The advantages of this company have been measurably developed by the facilities of transportation afforded the produce of the West, and returning prosperity will find it a spacious channel for the conveyance of its fruitful productions.

You have already recieved the gratifying intelligence of the completion of the "Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road," to Cumberland. From our earliest recollections of this stupendous under-taking, Alleghany has been regarded as a point of concentrated importance, not only on account of the concealed abundance of its treasures, but in the immense advantage which was to accrue to the company, by their develop-ment. Consecutive reports pointed with un-bending index to this beacon-light upon the mountain summit, which served to guide us in our voyage of unexplored discovery, and marked the reward of triumphant success.

All intermediate expenditures were but so many tributaries to the grand accomplishment of this great purpose, and each successive termination, but resting places in this westward way. The account of an object gained, was always attended by faithful delineations, of much yet to be performed; and throughout its construction it has been one continued anticipation of hopes, not yet to be realized. — At length the task is done, and a few short years have effected the impossibilities of skepticism. This huge pack-horse of public enterprise, has backed up to the inexhaustable store-houses of nature, ready to receive the wel-come burthen on his iron back. Enduring renown should reward the skill that executed, and the en-ergy which gave direction to this gigantic effort, — and upon them, we now confidently rely

for the realization of public expectancy, and the full fruition of our hopes.

Heaven has favored our citizens with their usual health, and the reports will show unceasing efforts to perpetuate this inestimable blessing. The char-itable receptacle which humanity has provided for the poor and unfortunate of our population asks that credit may be given it, for an unexpen-ded balance of its appropriation. Notwithstan-ding this, improvements of incalculable value to this "Institution" have been made, and others are in perspective, which under its present efficient direction, must claim for it a first rank among the monuments of benevolence. I am induced to believe, that at no previous time, could the "Alms-House" boast of its present admirable condition, — and I am flattered by the expectation that the insane poor, who consti-tute a melancholy portion of its inmates, will soon be enabled to enjoy the facilities for that kind and humane treatment, which is all that the impotence of human agency can substitute for the dethronement of reason. An effort, too, is being made for the separation of virtuous poverty from vagrant profligacy, — and thus attempt a physical preservation of that distinction which morality has marked.

The report of the "Visitors of the Jail" presents a most favorable account of the prison and its dis-cipline, and details improvement and economi-cal expenditures highly creditable to those en-trusted with its important management.

A statement of the "Port Warden," exhibits a compliance with the ordinances requiring their action, and have furnished you the reason for a partial suspension of the works under their control. The first day of April last commenced a practical illustration of "A Supplement to an ordinance for the due performance of Quarantine at the Port of Baltimore," which was approved Feb. 18, 1842. This proved a fruitful source of