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AN APPEAL

IN BEHALF OF THE

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

The Board of Directors of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, in the discharge of the responsible duty of the consolidation of our charter with the Pittsburgh and Erie, deem it proper to submit to the public the following statement of the objects and importance of the improvement, with the result of a careful examination of the country through which it passes.

The work is undertaken to connect the city of Allegheny and its supplemental resources with the interior of the State, and to develop the vast mineral wealth of the Allegheny River from the mouth of Pine Creek to the city.

A careful examination of the Legislative records, including the Governor's Message, will satisfy the candid inquirer that the Allegheny Valley Railroad is no longer a matter of speculation, but a work of necessity, which ought to be granted by the public authorities, and executed by the public spirit of individuals.

The Legislature has not only the right, but is most conducive to the interests of the people, that the State should have the power to take control of the improvement, and to increase the capital stock, and the subscriptions to it as may be most conducive to the public interest. This power is reserved in the charter, and the only question which can arise is, whether the public interest requires the exercise of it. The Board of Directors are fully impressed with the importance of the Allegheny Valley Railroad to the State, and to the city of Allegheny, and will cheerfully submit to the wishes of the Legislature in relation to the time when the State shall assume the control of the work, and the terms on which it shall be done.

The Board of Directors have been induced to submit the following statement of the objects and importance of the work, and the reasons which have induced the Legislature to grant the charter, and the people to subscribe to the stock, in the hope that it may be found to be worthy of the favorable consideration of the public.

The country traversed by the Allegheny Valley Railroad, and its tributaries, is the richest in the agricultural and mineral resources of the State, and is susceptible of a higher degree of cultivation and improvement than any other section of the State. Its mineral wealth is unsurpassed in quantity and quality, and only requires the facilities of transportation to bring it into general use. The reports of the Engineer, made from practical surveys, show that the grades, curvatures, and expense of construction, are favorable beyond the usual character of railroads in the State, and that the work can be completed at a cost per mile much less than the average cost of railroads of equal extent within the Commonwealth.

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The aggregate population of the counties on the line of the road, according to the census of 1850, being 175,487, is estimated (excepted) was, in 1840, 153,487; in 1830, 120,487; in 1820, 90,487; in 1810, 60,487; in 1800, 30,487. This rapid increase of population in this locality connected with the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad, and the Ohio River, will produce a large amount of business for the road, and will make it a source of profit to the stockholders. The Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad, and the Ohio River, will produce a large amount of business for the road, and will make it a source of profit to the stockholders.

The Allegheny Valley Railroad will be the great avenue for the coal trade of the Allegheny River, and its tributaries, to the city of Allegheny, and to the Ohio River, and to the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad, and to the Ohio River, and to the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad, and to the Ohio River, and to the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad