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JOHN S. IRICK,
WM. C. LONGSTRETH,
JOHN A. WRIGHT.

TO THE

STOCKHOLDERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders, held on March 10th, 1874, the following preamble and resolutions, suggested in the report of the Board of Directors, were unanimously adopted:—

“WHEREAS, A desire has been expressed by many shareholders that a committee should be appointed by this meeting to examine all the property of the Company and prepare a full exhibit of its real value;

“AND WHEREAS, The management of the Company desire, in order to meet the views of shareholders, that a Committee of shareholders be appointed to investigate the condition of the Company in every respect; therefore be it

“1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Directors, as just read, be printed in pamphlet form for the information of the shareholders, and that a committee of seven shareholders of the Company, entirely disconnected from its management and operation, be appointed by the chairman of this meeting, and by him be requested to serve as a committee to examine the report and examine into the condition of the Company; to make an appraisement of the value of the roads, shops, machinery, real estate, depots, bonds, stocks, and all other assets of the Company; also, to examine into the liabilities and obligations of the Company, including all its guarantees for other lines, with the sources of revenue to meet the same; also, its contracts and relations with other companies and parties of

every kind; and to report the results of this examination to the shareholders in such form as said committee may deem most advisable for the interest and information of the shareholders, either by printed report for distribution or, at their option, by calling a meeting of the shareholders to present their report, giving thirty days' notice of such meeting by advertising in the usual form.

"2. *Resolved*, That the president, directors, and officers of the Company be requested to furnish such committee with all needful information and facilities to enable them to accomplish the object of their appointment.

"3. *Resolved*, That the chairman of this meeting be requested to appoint a committee of seven shareholders of this Company to recommend, after conferring with the president, a ticket for directors, to be voted by the shareholders at the next annual election—as directed by the existing resolution, adopted by the shareholders February 1st, 1858.

"4. *Resolved*, That in the event of any of the shareholders declining or being unable to serve on either of the foregoing committees, his honor the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, as chairman of this meeting, be authorized and requested to fill such vacancies by the appointment of other shareholders of this Company who may be in like manner entirely disconnected from its management and operation."

In pursuance of the above proceedings, his Honor William S. Stokley, Mayor of the city of Philadelphia and Chairman of the meeting, appointed the undersigned Committee of Investigation, who now respectfully present the following

REPORT.

That immediately after their appointment they met and organized by the selection of William A. Stokes as Chairman, and A. Loudon Snowden as Secretary. The necessary sub-committees were formed and the work of investigation began. We have labored diligently at the enormous mass of complicated and varied detail to ascertain the facts necessary to enable us to report correctly on the subjects involved in the resolutions, and to draw from them just conclusions as to the value of your property, the security of your investments, the guarantees and leases for which you are liable, the wisdom of the past policy of your Company, and to make any

suggestions that we may deem likely to conduce to its greater prosperity in the future. To compass these points, we propose to discuss them in the following order:—

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