MESSAGE
OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
COMMUNICATING
A copy of a report of the government board of directors of the Union Pacific railroad relative to the election of directors for the ensuing year.

MARCH 16, 1869.—Read, referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:
I invite the attention of Congress to the accompanying communication of this date, which I have received from the Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, March 15, 1869.

U. S. GRANT.

To the Hon. Secretary of the Interior:
Under the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, it is made the duty of the government directors of the Union Pacific railroad “at any time to report to the Secretary of the Interior such information as should be in possession of the department.”

According to the provisions of this act, it becomes our duty now to report the following facts:
March 10, 1869, in obedience to the act of Congress December 27, 1867, the stockholders of the Union Pacific railroad met in the city of New York and proceeded to the election of directors for the ensuing year, when an injunction was served by Judge Barnard, of the supreme court of the city of New York, upon the officers of the company, some of its directors, some of its stockholders, and certain of the government directors, restraining them from and prohibiting an election of any officer or directors upon the day designated by the federal law of December 20, 1867, for the ensuing year. The whole number of votes thrown we have ascertained to be 207,430 shares, of which 205,840 were given for the gentlemen whose names are hereto annexed, and no other votes could have been given that would change the result.

Under these injunctions, attachments, (some of them not bailable,) and threats of imprisonment, if disobeyed, the inspectors of the election were advised not to declare the result, though believing themselves authorized so to do by the federal law, and hence the new board thus elected, remains in abeyance, under injunctions and attachments, which may endure for a year or more, and thereby make the company and stockholders expense on litigation, and thus endanger and obstruct the progress of the road.
Fearsful of these results, we as government directors, have felt it our duty to make an early report of these facts to the secretary, with the of his calling attention thereto of the President and of Congress, der that such legislation may be had as may be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the United States, and to keep on uninterrupt this great national work.

JAMES BROOKS, of New York,
J. L. WILLIAMS, of Indiana,
D. L. HARRIS, of Springfield, Mass.,
J. D. WEBSTER, of Illinois,
H. PRICE, of Iowa,

Government Directors.

NEW YORK CITY, March 11, 1869.

Directors.

Oliver Ames, Massachusetts.
Thomas C. Durant, New York.
John J. Cisco, New York.
Sidney Dillon, New York.
Cornelius S. Bushnell, Connecticut.
Benjamin E. Bates, Massachusetts.
John Duff, Massachusetts.

Josiah Bardwell, Massachusetts.
John B. Alley, Massachusetts.
F. Gordon Dexter, Massachusetts.
Chas. A. Lambard, Massachusetts.
Wm. H. Macy, New York.
G. M. Dodge, Iowa.
John F. Tracy, Illinois.