

book having omitted to insert a certificate for \$24,500, which had been regularly issued and entered and at the time held by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and which after the sale of \$5000 part of the same, by the said corporation, was re-issued to them for \$19,500, the balance and which certificate was afterwards entered in the said report, and being shown to have been finally disposed of by the said Mayor and City Council, and new certificates issued to the purchasers thereof, the said certificate was burned. The committee were of opinion that under the resolution they had no power to authorise said mistake to be corrected and the report made to correspond with the ledger, but caused a minute of the same to be appended to the said report and which is hereto annexed marked exhibit A. The error was in favor of the State, and the committee had not the slightest doubt but that the same was purely accidental.

The coupons surrendered to the commissioner of Loans, and for which interest certificates had been issued by him to the holders of the same were carefully examined, counted and compared with the entries upon the books of the office, and being found to correspond, were burned, and a statement of the number of coupons redeemed by the Commissioner of Loans, amounting to the sum of \$60,827 $\frac{8}{100}$, with the date of their redemption, is also appended, marked exhibit B.

The committee also examined the several accounts of the collectors of the direct tax, carefully counted the coupons and interest certificates received by each, and the date of payment, and also compared each certificate with the issue book and found that they corresponded in date, number and amount, and they herewith return a statement marked C, shewing the amount received by each collector in coupons and certificates, and which shews that the amount of direct tax paid to the Commissioner of Loans in the year 1843, in coupons and interest certificates, amounted to the sum of \$217,307 $\frac{7}{100}$, and embracing in part, the direct taxes for the year eighteen hundred forty-one, forty-two and forty-three, and the said coupons and interest certificates were burned.

The committee also examined and counted and burned, scrip issued by the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road company, amounting to the sum of \$17,254 $\frac{2}{100}$, and which had been redeemed by the issue of certificates of stock of the State, and which corresponded with the issue books; and also deposited to the credit of the State, in the books of the Loan office, the sum of \$2 $\frac{5}{100}$ in cash, which constituted a part of the above sum, and had been paid by one of the holders of the said scrip to make up the sum of one hundred dollars, the smallest sum authorised to be issued in certificates, under the act creating the said loan, all which appears by statement E*.

* The amount of charges against the State for expenses incident to the office of Commissioner of Loans, as shewn by the statement referred to, from the 1st of April 1839 to the 31st December 1843, inclusive, is \$1,456.50.