

is hoped may not occur, you are requested to resort to the umpirage of the attorney-general, upon which, or in preference upon your award, the report of the committee will be based.

It is especially desired that this concernment may be brought to the earliest practicable conclusion.

By order of the committee.

Littleton Dennis Teackle, Chairman,  
To George Mackubin and Reverdy Johnson, esquires.

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Annapolis, Feb. 16, 1829.

In compliance with the request of the committee upon education of the house of delegates, as communicated to us by the within letter of their chairman, we forthwith proceeded to adjust the claim of the state upon the Union Bank of Maryland, for the arrears of the school tax imposed upon the several banks by the act of 1813, chapter 122. We are gratified in being able to state to the committee, that no difference of opinion, in our investigation of this subject, has occurred between us, and that we have come to the conclusion, that the amount now due by the bank in question to the state, on account of this tax for the years from 1815 to 1825, inclusively, is \$7,994 53. with interest upon \$6718 94 part thereof, from the 1st May 1828. Though it perhaps may not be considered as properly within the scope of the reference to us, we yet take the liberty of adding that we are fully satisfied by their submission to this award, after a full exposition of the matter on the part of the state, that the course of the bank before, in relation to this claim, proceeded from an honest conviction that it was not well founded, and not from a disposition to evade in any way the requisitions of their charter.

George Mackubin,  
Reverdy Johnson.

The committee on education, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Annapolis, praying a repeal of the primary school law, and the petition of sundry other citizens of the same place, protesting against the repeal of the said law, and praying amendments thereto, have considered the views of these petitions, severally, and beg leave to report thereon.

The reasons assigned in the first petition for repealing the law are, 1st. That the manner in which the law was enacted was altogether against the constitution of this state, which does not authorise the people to have any direct, or personal, agency in enacting laws, this authority being vested in the legislature only. 2dly. That it is onerous and oppressive, because a very large amount of the property is owned by non-residents. And 3dly. That it is anti-republican, because it vests in tt