

of agents and tax-gatherers, at great expense to the people, have to be maintained to gather from them the means to pay the interest, much less the principal. Every branch of industry feels the burden; every transaction, great or small, has some burden upon it; property is burdened; the earnings of toil, whether of body or mind, is visited; the home that shelters is taxed; the garments we wear are taxed; the bread that satisfies our hunger is taxed; everything is taxed. No man is so much dreaded and shunned as the tax-gatherer. The rich hide themselves to escape his inquisitorial visits. The poor meet him with sad and angry countenance. His presence is everywhere and among all men, like the blight that kills and the pestilence that desolates, and leaves little else than grief and suffering.

A resolution requesting the Governor to call the attention of the Attorney General to the abuse of corporate authority by the mayor and city council of Baltimore accompanies the report.

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