

24. The Comptroller, together with the Treasurer of the State, is authorized to examine, record and burn all such State coupons as shall be paid and returned to the Treasury by the agents employed to pay the interest on the public debt, and to make report of their proceedings therein to the Legislature at each session thereof.

25. The committee on Finance of the Senate, and the committee on Ways and Means of the House of Delegates, shall during each session of the Legislature examine, count and burn all bonds and certificates for stocks of the State, purchased or obtained by the Treasurer during the recess of the Legislature, up to the close of the fiscal year next preceding the session, for the use of the sinking fund, and shall make report of their proceedings therein to the Legislature, at the same session in which they shall perform the duties herein imposed upon them.

26. The agents employed to pay the interest upon the public debt are hereby required semi-annually to transmit to the Treasurer of the State, all coupons they may have paid up to the time of making such transmission.

ARTICLE XCV.

Usury.

SEC. 1. Interest may be charged or deducted at the rate of six per centum per annum, and the same may be calculated according to the standard laid down in Rowlett's Tables.

2. No plea of usury shall be available against any legal or equitable assignee or holder of any bond, bill obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note, or other negotiable instrument, where such assignee or endorsee or holder shall have received the same for a bona fide and legal consideration, without notice of any usury in the creation or subsequent assignment thereof.

3. If any person shall exact, directly or indirectly, for loan of any money, goods or chattels, to be paid in money above the value of six dollars for the forbearance of one hundred dollars