

eight dollars and forty cents; to John Murphy and Company, for maps furnished the General Assembly, twenty dollars; and to J. E. Hayden, for repairs to the clocks in the Senate Chamber and House of Delegates, ten dollars and seventy-five cents.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take In force effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.

CHAPTER 366.

AN ACT to create a loan to provide for the payment of the overdue debt of the State, and for exchanging or taking up the sterling debt of the State and issuing a currency loan in lieu thereof.

WHEREAS, there are at this time bonds and certificates of debts of this State overdue, and others on which the interest is now payable, in London, commonly known as the sterling debt of the State, amounting in the aggregate to six millions seventy-one thousand and sixty-one dollars and twenty cents, of which said debt has been due since eighteen hundred and sixty-five; and the sum of one hundred and ninety-two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars and twelve cents, have been due since the year eighteen hundred and seventy; and WHEREAS, not only justice to the holders of this overdue debt demands that the same be promptly redeemed; but the true interest of the State manifestly requires that provisions be made therefor, and also for the taking up of the said sterling debt and on the best possible terms, for the consolidation of this debt, so that the interest on all may be payable here in currency; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of* The Maryland, That a loan be and the same is hereby created, to be called "The Maryland State Loan," ^{Preamble.} ^{land State} ^{Loan.}