

Dividends and Interest Accounts, amounting in the whole to \$348,686 91.

The Columbia and Port Deposit Rail Road Company has received during the fiscal year, all the balance of the appropriation of sixty thousand dollars, made under the Act of 1860, Ch. 303, and the bonds of the Company have been received by the Treasurer to the same amount, as directed by the Act of 1868, Ch. 346. The coupons of this Company have been promptly paid on presentation, and it is believed that the interest on the amount appropriated will be punctually met. The amount received from payment of the coupons of this Company is the first return from appropriations for Internal Improvements on the Eastern Shore.

The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company has paid six per cent. on the stock standing in the name of the State, which by the distribution of the surplus of the Company's income has been increased to the sum of \$81,250.00.

The Northern Central Railway Company has punctually paid the annuity due under the agreement and compromise made by the State with said Company.

The Susquehanna and Tide Water Canals are in arrears for the interest due on the 1st day of July, 1871, notwithstanding all the efforts of the Department to procure a settlement. Under the advice of the Attorney General, proceedings against the Companies were withheld on the payment of the arrears to the 1st January, 1871, and the pledge of the officers of the Companies that the same should thereafter be punctually met. It is for the Legislature to determine what steps shall be taken to enforce the payment of the sums now due from these Companies, they having again failed to comply with the terms of the Acts of Assembly of 1865, Chapter 196, and 1866, Chapter 5.

The Balto. and Ohio Rail Road Company has promptly paid the dividends on the Main Stem and Washington Branch, the former amounting to \$36,716.00, and the latter to \$55,000.00, and the interest on the sterling and converted bonds amounting to the sum of \$100,696.41. This Company is still in arrear for the one-fifth receipts from passengers on the Washington Branch, no payment having been made on this account during the fiscal year. A suit is now pending to compel the payment of the sums due under this head at the time of the institution of the same.

Table No. 6 shows the amount of receipts during the fiscal year; from tax on the interest of State stocks. No payment of the tax on