

Stock of the Potomac Company.....	\$120,444 44
Loan to the President and Directors of Potomac Company.....	30,000 00
Interest thereon to May 16th, 1825.....	13,280 00
Nanticoke Bridge Company.....	4,333 33
Chesapeake Steam Towing Company.....	25,000 00
Bonds installed and not installed.....	10,000 00
Due from Penitentiary for premium and in- terest.....	5,097 36
Stock of the Elkton Bank.....	10,000 00
Dividend Bond No. 58 of B. & O. R. R. Co.....	80 00
	\$ 218,235 13

Being upon his books the Comptroller must, and does, bring forward and set forth, in each annual report, the above lot of worthless entries and the valueless stocks mentioned in the third class. I respectfully suggest that the present General Assembly authorize the Comptroller, in his discretion, to omit them from his future reports.

The Constitution, Sec. 3, Art. 12, authorizes the Board of Public Works, subject to such regulations and conditions as the General Assembly may from time to time prescribe, and with provisos therein set forth, to sell the State's interest in works of internal improvement. Her interest in the properties enumerated in the second class above being unproductive and of value chiefly, if not only, because it gives her the control of the directory and management of the most important of these works, it is proper that I, as Comptroller, and ex-officio member of the Board of Public Works, should indicate to the General Assembly that my views are not adverse to a sale of her interests in some of these works. Her mortgage of \$1,000,000.00 on the Susquehanna and Tide-water Canals was at one time a productive asset; but, when it ceases to be productive, her only remedy is to take possession and management of the canals; a valueless remedy to her—she already has one such elephant on her hands—but valuable to the Reading Railroad Company, that now has a lease of these canals, and, perhaps, to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and other companies that may be looking after the coal regions of Pennsylvania.