

As an off-set to this debt, the State holds the following Bonds and Stocks, on which interest or dividends are promptly paid, to wit:

Stock of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co.....	\$ 968,615 70	
Stock in Washington Branch B. & O. R. R. Co.....	550,000 00	
“ Farmers' National Bank of Annapolis.....	46,470 00	
“ Annapolis Water Co.....	30,000 00	
Bonds of Northern Central Railway—Mortgage.....	1,500,000 00	
“ to Credit of the Sinking Funds.....	1,423,534 18	
Cash to credit of Sinking Funds.....	179 49	
		\$4,518,799 37
Net Net debt after productive Stocks held by the State and the Sinking Funds are deducted.....		\$6,451,563 97

* Of this sum, \$4,038,888.89 is Sterling Debt, on which the interest is payable in London in gold or its equivalent.

The Sterling Debt in this Statement, has always been computed at the rate of \$4,444.4-9 per £ sterling, while the exchange of Sterling Bonds for the Currency Debt of the State is directed by Section 13, of Article 94, of the Code to be made at the rate of \$4.84 per £ sterling. While the Gross Debt of the State appears by the above Statement to have been increased during the past Fiscal Year by the sum of \$4,428.89, the *Net Debt* of the State, compared with the Net Debt at the close of Fiscal Year, 1884, shows a *Net Decrease* in the State Debt during the Fiscal Year, 1885, of \$521,518.92.

† This amount of Maryland Defence Loan had not been presented for redemption at the close of the fiscal year.

~~For~~ For this balance of \$6,451,563.97, the State has as an off-set her unproductive stocks, amounting to \$27,723,286 94 and \$1,529 673 24 due from Accounting Officers and Incorporated Institutions.