

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	
Stocks and Bonds to Credit of the Sinking Funds.....	1,752,290 18	
		\$4,847,375 88
<del>Net</del> Net debt after productive Stocks held by the State and the Sinking Funds are deducted.....		\$6,113,159 68
The debt was reduced during the Fiscal Year ended September 30th, 1886, by redemption and Exchange as follows:		
75 per cent. Sterling, Chap. 386 of 1838.....	\$27,777 78	
6 per cent. Maryland Defence Loan, Chap. 235 of 1868.....	12,300 00	
Reduction by redemption and exchange.....	\$40,077 78	
The net debt of the State was reduced during the fiscal year by increase in stocks and bonds purchased on account of the Sinking Funds to the amount of.....	\$338,404 29	

\* Of this sum, \$4,001,111.11 is Sterling Debt, on which the interest is payable in London in gold or its equivalent.  
 † In the Exchange of the Sterling Debt, the calculation being required to be made at the rate of \$4.84 per £ Sterling, as per section 13 of Article 94 of the Code. The increase of the Maryland State Loan by exchange during the Fiscal Year amounts to \$30,250.00, although the Sterling Debt seems to be reduced but \$27,777.78, the Sterling Debt having been always computed in this statement at the rate of \$4.44-4-9 per £ Sterling.  
 For this balance of \$6,113,159.68, the State has as an off-set her unproductive stocks, amounting to \$28,126,034 06 and \$1,600,000 00 due from Accounting Officers and Incorporated Institutions.