

said amount is embraced an item of \$842,944.75, being a part of the proceeds of the sale of Bonds authorized under Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1904, known as the "Public Buildings Loan," \$1,625,000, being the total authorized issue. \$825,000 of this Loan was issued by the Board of Public Works, as your Excellency is well aware, as a 3½% Coupon Bond, bearing date as of July 1, 1904, and after due notice thereof, was sold to the highest bidders therefor, viz: \$10,000 to the New York Clothing House at \$103, and the remaining \$815,000, to Wolfe Bros. and Company, of New York at \$102.16½, aggregating the above sum of \$842,944.75, all of which moneys came into the Treasury and was placed to the credit of the accounts for which they were issued.

Your attention is also called to the account of "State Tobacco Warehouses," showing receipts of \$57,310.04, an amount largely in excess of former years. During the disastrous conflagration that swept the City of Baltimore on February 7 and 8, destroying \$40,000,000 of property, State Tobacco Warehouse No. 2 on Long Dock was burned, and \$44,050 of this \$57,310.04 represents the insurance paid into the State on account of such loss.

Another item showing largely increased revenues, and which must be characterized as extraordinary only in comparison with previous years, however, and not for the ones to come, you will observe in the amounts paid by Collectors and Incorporated Institutions. For three years past, the State tax rate has been 17 cents on each \$100, and for thirteen years prior thereto 17¾ cents, but the Legislature of 1904 fixed the levy at 22½ cents, or an increase of 5½ cents on each \$100, therefore the unusual amounts of \$1,298,288.38 from Collectors and \$121,057.99 from Incorporated Institutions becomes very manifest, or an increase over the year previous of \$250,040.83. Next year the tax rate is 23½ cents on each \$100. (Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1904) and annually thereafter unless changed by the Legislature; hence, it becomes very manifest that this revenue will be increased in the future, not only by reason of an increased rate, but also from a larger basis of arrearages.

It will therefore be seen that the ordinary receipts into the Treasury, exclusively of the amounts heretofore mentioned, remain about the same as the year previous—in round figures \$3,300,000.00.