

STATE DEBT.

The funded debt of the State amounting to \$8,526,926.13 is shown in Statement J, or an increase during the year of \$600,000, but by reason of the sale of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and the purchases for the Sinking Funds, the net debt is \$3,087,869.13, or an actual reduction of \$55,000 during the fiscal year.

The increase of \$600,000 above noted was a part of the amount authorized by the last Legislature, Chapter 228, known as the Public Buildings Loan. That Act provided for the issue of \$1,625,000 Maryland State Bonds for the purpose of completing and repairing the State House at Annapolis, and for sundry other public buildings in the State, and in order that you may see at a glance the purpose for which issued, I herewith submit the following exhibit:

State House at Annapolis.....	\$ 600,000
Maryland House of Correction.....	200,000
Springfield State Hospital.....	200,000
Maryland Asylum and Training School for Feeble-Minded....	66,000
Maryland Agricultural College.....	57,000
Maryland Hospital for the Insane.....	53,000
Cambridge Hospital.....	10,000
Charlotte Hall School.....	5,000
St. Mary's Academy.....	5,000
St. Mary's Female Seminary.....	4,000
Maryland Institute.....	175,000
Relief Fund Commission.....	250,000
Total	<u>\$1,625,000</u>

Eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars of this Loan was issued during the fiscal year 1904, or a sufficient sum to meet the needs of the institutions above mentioned. During the past fiscal year there was issued the additional amount of \$600,000, making the total issue to date \$1,425,000, as shown in Statement J. This completes the entire issue save \$66,000 to the Maryland Institute, which will be sold and taken by the State whenever the needs of the said Institute demand the same, therefore making the entire issue \$1,491,000, instead of