

## REPORT :

*To the Honorable*

*the General Assembly of Maryland :*

The Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Delegates would respectfully report that in compliance with the terms of section 23, of Article 95, of the Code of Public General Laws, as amended by the Act of 1890, chapter 571, which provides, "And the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Delegates shall jointly, during each session of the Legislature and within the first month of such session, examine and count all such bonds and certificates of stock so purchased or obtained up to the close of the fiscal year next preceding such session and canceled or stamped, purchased for the Sinking Fund, as required by the provisions of this Act, and shall burn all such bonds and certificates of stock as belong to the overdue debt of the State, and shall examine carefully all bonds or certificates of stock maturing at some future day, for the purpose of ascertaining that the same have been endorsed or marked, cancelled or stamped purchased for the Sinking Fund, as required by section 26 of this Article, and that the accruing coupons and interest thereon have been collected and credited to said Sinking Fund, and shall make a joint report of their proceedings therein to both Houses of the Legislature, within two weeks after they shall have finished their said duties as prescribed by this section," did, acting jointly, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the 6th of February, 1892, in the building of the Safe Deposit Company at Baltimore city, in the presence of the Treasurer and Comptroller of the Treasury, said date being within the first month of the session of the General Assembly, commence the performance of their duties set out in said section.

The committee took as their guide in this examination, the stocks and bonds, as enumerated in Table F, page 16, of Comptroller's Report, for fiscal year ending September 30th, 1891, which purports to give all