

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 bonds and certificates in Sinking Funds and Free School Fund.

The committee examined and counted and found in the possession of the Treasurer all the stocks and bonds enumerated in said Table F, except as hereinafter enumerated, and all of said bonds and stocks were properly cancelled, except the bonds and certificates not of the State debt, none of which were cancelled or stamped as required by law.

None of the Treasury Relief Loan Bonds named in said Table F were found, but a certificate was presented to the committee, signed by Thomas G. Hayes, of the Senate, J. G. Berret and Philip D. Laird, of the House of Delegates, a committee appointed by the General Assembly, which stated that they had on the 29th day of January, 1892, in compliance with the terms of a Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, destroyed \$500,000.00 of said bonds, with coupons attached thereto, due July 1st, 1892, and thereafter.

The item of bonds under column of Exchange Loan of 1889, Table F, of Comptroller's Report, amounting to \$1,242,300.00 were not found in Sinking