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The bill entitled an Act to repeal Section 17. of Article 71, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," as amended and re-enacted by chapter 364, of the Acts passed at January Session, 1870, and chapter 167, of the Acts passed at the January Session, 1872, and also chapter 181, of the Acts passed at January Session, 1874, and to re-enact the said Section with amendments,

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Mr. Gill, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following

#### REPORT :

*To the Honorable the*

*Speaker of the House of Delegates :*

Your Committee on Ways and Means would respectfully report, that in obedience to an order of the House, they have carefully investigated the accounts of the Annapolis Gas Light Company, against the State for the years 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, and find that the State has been charged for the year 1872, at the rate of \$4.25 per 1,000 ft. net, and the total amount paid by the State to said Gas Com., was \$3,003.91; for 1873, the Company allowed the State 15 per cent. discount for prompt payment on bills for the months of March, April and May, making in all a discount of \$69.99 during the year, and the total amount paid to the Company by the State, was \$1,699.80; for 1874, the State was allowed a discount of 15 per cent. for nine months of that year, making a total discount of \$288.70, and the amount paid by the State for said year, was \$3,368.95, and for the year 1875, the State was allowed 15 per cent. discount for the full year, (12 months,) and the total discount for that year, was \$428.14, and the total amount paid by the State, was \$2,505.64. Your Committee would also state that they have examined witnesses under oath, whose testimony is hereto annexed, as part of this report, and have discovered that the Gas Company or its agents, have made an error against the State in the discount allowed for the months of January, February and March, 1874, of \$100.00, and also an error of \$10.00 in the discount for December, 1874, which amount, \$100, has been paid to the Comptroller of the Treasury by Mr. Taylor, the superintendent of the Company.

We also transmit with this report a letter from Mr. Randall, President of the Gas Company, and a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Directors of said Company.