

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

January 19th, 1876.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

“This House has referred to the Joint Standing Committee, under Sec. 24, Art. 3, of the Constitution, the inquiry as to the alleged receipt by the State Treasurer, of interest or other consideration from banks or other depositories of State moneys for placing the same with them on deposit, without accounting for such to the State.

“This House therefore respectfully requests the concurrence of your Honorable Body in an instruction to said Committee that it do proceed at once with said inquiry, with authority not only to send for books, documents, papers and accounts, and summon, and examine on oath witnesses, but also to sit during the sitting of either or both of the Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, and at any time it may think fit, in Baltimore city; and that said Committee shall report in the premises within fourteen days.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.”

Beg leave to report that they did, at a meeting of said Committee, appoint five members of same to take the testimony in regard to said order, in so far as the same relates to the present Treasurer, Barnes Compton, Esquire, as to the matter of receiving compensation or consideration for the money of the State deposited with certain banks of this State, to wit: Messrs. Walsh, Lee, Neal, Lewis and Farrow, who, in the discharge of the duty assigned them, did return to us at a subsequent meeting, of this, our Committee, the following interrogatories and answers propounded to and answered under oath by the cashiers of the several banks of this State, wherein the State's money has been deposited, to wit:

Barnes Compton, the Treasurer, being sworn testified as follows :

Interrogatory. Will you state to the Committee the different banks which have had the sole custody of the funds of the State since you have been its Treasurer, and whether any moneys of the State have been loaned or deposited elsewhere?

Answer. The moneys of the State, since I have held the position of Treasurer, have been deposited in the Farmers' National Bank of Annapolis, the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, and the Citizens' Bank of Annapolis, the bonds of which banks, each for the sum of five