

hundred thousand dollars, approved by the Governor as required by the Constitution, I hold; nor have I ever deposited any portion of the funds of the State elsewhere, or loaned any of the same.

1st interrogatory propounded to James Sloan, Jr. Please state your name and occupation?

Answer. James Sloan, Jr.; am Cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore.

2d interrogatory. Have you, or has any officer of the bank of which you are the Cashier, within your knowledge, at any time, made any arrangement, agreement or contract of any kind, whatever, with Barnes Compton, Treasurer of this State, or with any other person for said Compton to pay to him, or to any other person for him, any consideration emolument or profit of any kind in the form of interest or otherwise upon the moneys of the State deposited in said bank for safe-keeping.

Answer. No.

3d interrogatory. Have you, or has any officer of the bank of which you are the Cashier, within your knowledge, paid any money or consideration of any kind to Barnes Compton Treasurer of this State, or to any other person, to be paid to him as a bonus, or in the form of interest upon the money of the State deposited in said bank?

Answer. No.

Interrogatory by Mr. Compton. Did I, at any time, make any arrangement or have any understanding with you as Cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, with reference to the State's account, or with reference to advances for the State, if such should be required at any time; if so, please state what it was?

Answer. The only arrangement, contract or understanding ever had by me as Cashier of the Bank, with Barnes Compton, Treasurer, was, that to secure the deposits of the State's money in our bank, I agreed to furnish to the State, free of interest, any amount that they might be temporarily short, which has happened since Mr. Compton has been the Treasurer, certainly once, and probably more than once; the bank has on several occasions advanced moneys for the State prior to his term.

Interrogatory by Mr. Farrow. Did you ever say to any person, or persons, that the money that was deposited by the State in your bank, did not pay for what it cost?

Answer. To my knowledge, no.