

In reply, I submit the following brief statement: There are two Gas Companies engaged in extended operations in the City of Baltimore. One is the Gas Light Company, of Baltimore, incorporated by the Act of 1816, chapter 251. The other is the People's Gas Company, incorporated by the Act of 1860, chapter 291.

Under the Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council, of Baltimore, approved, June 17th, 1816, and engrafted in express terms upon the Act of 1816, chapter 251, incorporating the Gas Light Company of Baltimore, and under the Act of 1858, chapter 417, authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to establish and enforce an inspection and measurement of Gas and Gas Meters in that City, and under the Ordinances already passed, or which may be passed under the authority of the Act last referred to, it would seem that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore has already full authority to provide for the measurement and inspection of the Gas supplied to the customers of the Gas Light Company of Baltimore.

The Act of 1858, chapter 417, and the Ordinances passed in pursuance of the authority granted by that Act apply to the People's Gas Company, and the charter of that Company, granted since 1850, is moreover subject to amendment by the General Assembly of Maryland.

I have the honor to be  
with great respect,  
your obedient servant,

CHARLES J. M. GWYNN,  
Attorney General.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

Also,

The following communication from Hon. Barnes Compton, Treasurer of the State, in response to an order of the House, together with accompanying papers:

TREASURER'S OFFICE,  
Annapolis, February 15th, 1876.

Hon. Lewis C. Smith,

*Speaker of the House of Delegates:*

Sir:—In response to the order of the House of Delegates, passed on the 9th inst., I beg leave respectfully to submit the following answers:

1st. The corporate names of the several banks in which the moneys of the State have been deposited since I have held the