

The Speaker laid before the House the following report of Comptroller of the Treasury, in response to an order of the House.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Annapolis, 23d Feb., 1876.

Hon. Lewis C. Smith,
Speaker of House of Delegates:

Dear Sir:—In obedience to an order of the House of Delegates, passed January 24th. 1876, I have the honor to transmit herewith, to your Honorable Body, "a detailed statement of the amounts of money at different times loaned, paid or made over by the State, to or for the benefit of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, since the passage of the Act of 1826, chapter 123, in the form of stock subscriptions or otherwise, and also upon what account," stating the interest at six per cent. per annum, for the time each several amounts was "loaned, paid or made over" to the first day of January 1876.

I have the honor also to transmit in obedience to said order, a "like statement with regard to the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, dating from the passage of the Act of 1830, chapter 158," together with the amount paid by the said Railroad Company to the State, on account of the Main Stem, and Washington Branch, and the dates of said payments.

I respectfully call the attention of the House of Delegates to the fact, that the dividend on the stock of the Washington Branch Road, which has heretofore been made in October, has not yet been made, and that no receipts from this source have accrued to the Treasury since the close of the fiscal year.

The failure to make this dividend having occurred since the close of the last fiscal year, was not mentioned in my annual report to the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVIN WOOLFORD,
Comptroller.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Donaldson, ordered to be printed.

[See Document L.]

Also,

The following from Hon. Barnes Compton, Treasurer of the State.

Together with accompanying opinion of the Attorney General.