

as to the alleged receipt by the State Treasurer of interest or other consideration from banks or other depositories of State monies, 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 monies of the State have been loaned or deposited elsewhere?

Answer. The monies 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 hundred thousand dollars, approved by the Governor, as required by the Constitution, I hold ; nor have I ever deposited