

by law; *Provided*, nothing in this act contained, shall in any manner affect the rights of bona fide purchasers or creditors without notice, who may have become so before the passage of this act.

*Proviso.*

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

*In force.*

CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT relating to Coupons paid and returned to the Treasurer, and certificates of stock purchased for the augmentation of the Sinking Fund, and to repeal resolution No. 8, of December session, eighteen hundred and forty.

Passed February 20, 1858.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Comptroller, together with the Treasurer of the State, is hereby authorised and directed to examine, record and burn all such State coupons as shall be paid and returned to the Treasury by the agents employed to pay the interest on the public debt, and to make report of their proceedings therein, to the Legislature at each session thereof.

Authorised to burn coupons returned to the Treasury.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the committee on Finance of the Senate, and the committee on Ways and Means of the House of Delegates, shall hereafter, during each session of the Legislature, examine, count, and burn all bonds and certificates for stocks of the State, purchased or obtained by the Treasurer, during the recess of the Legislature up to the close of the fiscal year next preceding the session, for the use of the Sinking Fund, and shall make report of their proceedings therein, to the Legislature, at the same session in which they shall perform the duties herein imposed upon them.

Committee of Senate and House to examine and burn.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the agents employed to pay the interest upon the public debt, are hereby required, semi-annually, to transmit to the Treasurer of the State, all coupons they may

Agents authorised to transmit.