

To the Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Delegates :

The Joint Committee of the General Assembly, appointed in pursuance of Resolution No. 8, of January session, 1854, beg leave to report, that in the performance of the duty assigned them they examined in the office of the Treasury in Annapolis, the certificates of stock of the State of Maryland, purchased by James S. Owens, the late Treasurer for the augmentation of the Sinking Fund, from the 1st of December, 1852, the commencement of the then fiscal year, to the 24th of February, 1854, when he was superseded by D. Claude, Esquire, as Treasurer of Maryland, the certificates of which stock, amounting to two hundred and ninety-two thousand, seven hundred and ninety dollars and ninety-eight cents, as per Statement A, with other Statements accompanying this report, the committee carefully examined with the account of the "Sinking Fund" on the books of the Treasury, burned the same in presence of James S. Owens, Esquire, late Treasurer.

The Committee examined, Registered, and burned forty thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine coupens of the Sterling Bonds of the State, issued for the benefit of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company, the Susquehanna Canal Company, and the Tide-water Canal Company, paid to the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, inclusive, amounting to the sum of three hundred and fifty-two thousand, three hundred and thirty-five pounds, twelve shillings and six pence sterling, and seven thousand two hundred and seventy-eight coupens of the currency bonds issued for the benefit of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the Susquehanna Railroad Company, paid to the first day of October, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, inclusive, amounting to ninety-eight thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars, as per statement B.

The committee examined and destroyed the certificates of stock which have been presented for redemption as of the first of June, and first of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, agreeably to the public notice of the Treasurer to the holders of said stock, amounting to one hundred and twenty-five thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-eight cents, as per statement C.

The committee examined, registered and destroyed thirty-four thousand, eight hundred and seventy-eight coupons of the sterling bonds issued for the benefit of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, which were returned by that company to the Treasurer, the interest payable on the same having matured previous to the sale of said bonds by that company, amounting to three hundred and seventy-two thousand, five hundred and eighty-seven pounds, ten shillings sterling, as per statement D.

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