

The committee examined and burned seventy certificates of Funded debt of the State issued for arrears of interest then due, under the act of December Session, Eighteen Hundred and forty six, chapter Two Hundred and Thirty Eight, amounting to forty seven thousand, five hundred and sixty five Dollars, and eighty seven cents, as per statement E. Also one Certificate for arrearage of unfunded interest due prior to the first day of October eighteen hundred and forty seven, for Ninety-three Dollars and seventy nine cents.

The labor of the committee has been greatly enhanced and their session prolonged, from the fact that no Coupons of the Sterling Bonds issued for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company had heretofore been returned to the Treasurer, and upon examination and registering of which, the committee find that there are some due as far back as 1842, which do not appear on the Register of those Bonds, as having been funded, or returned as paid.

If the agent for paying the interest in London, on the Sterling Bonds, would return the Coupons semi-annually, or even annually it would save future committees of the Legislature much labor, and materially curtail the duration of their Sessions.

In closing their report, the Committee have great pleasure in acknowledging the facilities and courtesies extended to them by the Treasurer and his Clerk, during their long and laborious session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Benj. G. Keene,
on the part of the Senate.

Thomas Franklin,
Wm. J. Leonard,
on the part of the House of Delegates.

Treasury Office,
Annapolis, June 16th 1853.

On motion of Mr. Wicks,
The rules were suspended, three-fourths of the Members concurring, in order to give a third reading to a bill entitled an Act for the relief of James Owens, of Allegany county.

The bill was then read a third time, and passed by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker,	Dail,	Kennedy.
Plowden,	Thomas,	Partridge,
Griffith,	Scott,	Abbott,
Sudler,	Miller,	Valiant,
Neff,	Brooke,	Lester.