

debt being due to our own citizens, upon which they have been compelled to pay taxes to the State for the years 1841 and 1842; and whereas, the Treasurer of the Western Shore, instead of dividing equally amongst all the public creditors, about fifty thousand dollars in his hands to pay the interest due after the said 1st day of October 1841, forwarded the whole to London to pay the foreign creditors, and we have reason to believe intends to make a similar unjust application of the revenue now being received, without being required so to do by law—therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer be directed to retain, subject to the further order of the Legislature, any revenue he may receive applicable to the payment of the interest on the public debt, after the bank debt has been paid; which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Phelps reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate a military corps in the town of Cambridge, Dorchester county, Maryland.

Mr. Semmes reported a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John B. Brooke, clerk of Prince George's county court;

Severally read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore and the Commissioner of Loans, communicate to this House, any correspondence they may have had with the Messrs. Baring of London, and their agents in this country, upon the subject of interest due them upon advances made on account of interest due by the State upon its bonds.

And that the Commissioner of Loans report to this House what amount of State bonds, so far as his knowledge may enable him to answer, are held by the Messrs. Baring in their own right, or are held by them in such right in January, 1842.

And what amount of interest was due upon the sterling bonds, and what amount was due on the currency debt, when said advance was made by the said Baring.

And also, what information he possesses as to the character of the advances which the Messrs. Baring claim to have made in behalf of this State.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

Whereas, the statement shewing the amounts of assessable property in each county, as also the amount of direct taxes paid by each county, and which statement accompanied the answer of the Treasurer to the order of December 28th, does not appear upon the Journal, therefore,

Ordered, That the clerk cause said statement to be entered on to-day's Journal.

WESTERN SHORE TREASURY,

Annapolis, December 30th, 1842.

To the Honorable, the House of Delegates :

The Treasurer furnishes the accompanying statement in obedience to their order of the 28th.