

However mortifying to us and lamentable for Maryland, has been this delay in the remittances, we felt, after the proceedings of the State Legislature during its last session, that that body never contemplated a breach of the good faith of the State; that on the contrary it judged that it had made ample provision for the dividends on its debt, and had placed its engagements beyond the risk of dishonor, and auguring for the future from the past, we feel as assured as you, sir, that it will have already taken prompt and efficacious measures for paying not only the January dividend, but for removing all apprehension of any similar demur in meeting the interest for the future, both on its foreign and domestic debt.

We felt also, that by delaying the payment of the dividend due 1st inst., until we were in possession of adequate funds, we should not only injure the innocent bondholders, who had placed their confidence in the honesty and resources of Maryland, but should inflict a most serious injury on the State itself, by giving a blow to its credit, which would not be healed by years of regularity, and we consequently advertised on the 20th December, in the usual made, that we should pay the dividends on the Maryland sterling bonds, and thus, as the agents of the State, we have protected its credit, and have duly paid the interest on its debt, without publishing the difficulties which you had experienced, and which we trust have only been temporary, although we have received no letter from you by the Boston steamer of 16th October.

We cannot doubt that remittances either have already been made, or will immediately after the receipt of this be made, to cover our advances; but should it unexpectedly and unfortunately, both for the State of Maryland and ourselves, be otherwise, we then beg you will communicate with our agent, Mr. Thomas W. Ward of Boston, who is desired by us to consult with you for the protection of our interest, and that you will place in his possession, for our account, the securities which you are authorised to pledge on behalf of the State.

We remain respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servants,

BARING, BROTHERS & Co.

Which were read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, submitted the following:

Whereas, the business of Baltimore county court hath greatly accumulated, and it may require the attendance of all the judges of said court, during the years 1843 and 1844, to bring up the said business—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chief judge of the sixth judicial district of Maryland, will not incur the censure of the General Assembly, if he attend the sessions of said court, until the business thereof shall be brought up, although in so doing, he should absent himself from the Court of Appeals for