

And the bill entitled, an act for the more speedy completion of the consolidated lotteries, and the augmentation of the State revenue from this source;

Endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

Add the following section:

And be it enacted, That this act shall go into operation from and immediately after the passage thereof;

Which was read and assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasurer of the Western Shore:

WESTERN SHORE TREASURY,
Annapolis, February 3rd, 1843.

To the Honorable

The House of Delegates:

In obedience to their order of the 17th ultimo, the Treasurer reports that—

The amount of the capital debt of this State is, as a matter of account, \$15,211,393 $\frac{9}{10}$ —but that more than three millions of it, remain in the hands of the agents of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company unsold, and the interest upon these, he considers to be neither running against the company nor the State; and that sufficient revenue from certain of the public works to pay the interest upon about two millions more of it, is expected to be received yearly. So that the real debt of the State requiring revenue from taxes to pay the interest of it, does not exceed a six per cent. debt of ten millions.

This is accurately true, if from the main road of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, and the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, and the Tide Water Canal Company, (all three together,) the Treasury receive only \$27,148 $\frac{1}{10}$ annually. And it is readily shewn as follows:

The yearly interest payable by the State at the	
Loan Office is	\$345,176 50
In London, including 10 per cent. for charge is	311,171 66

656,348 16

Whereof is payable out of the revenue

from the Washington Branch Road \$25,000 00

And out of the tobacco inspection revenue - - - 4,200 00

Add for probable receipts from the Baltimore and Ohio Main Road, the Baltimore and Susquehanna Road, and the Tide Water Canal, only - 27,148 16

56,348 16

And you have for balance, the interest of a 6 per cent.

debt of ten millions of dollars - - \$600 000 00