

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Commissioner of Loans :

MARYLAND LOAN OFFICE.

Chesapeake Bank.

Baltimore, January 27th, 1844

To the Honorable

the House of Delegates, of Maryland.

The undersigned begs leave under resolution number 8, of December session 1841, to report, that he has received from the collectors of State taxes in the several counties of this State under the coupon law, coupons and certificates amounting to \$217,307 10, on the 31st December 1843 ; and he has also received coupons amounting to \$60,827 96, in exchange for certificates which were authorised under said law; which should be examined and destroyed, and of which a list is enclosed as part of this report. He has also annexed a list of the numbers, and amounts of all the certificates transferred at this office from the last examination. He has also in the Loan Office notes of the Annapolis and Elk-Ridge rail road company, which were redeemed by an issue of stock amounting to \$17,254 32. The entire amount issued in certificates under the coupon law, as appears by the books of this office to the 31st December, 1843, is \$232,767 57.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

JOHN S. GITTINGS.

Commissioner of Loans.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means, and

On motion of Mr. Carey,

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The Speaker also, laid before the House, a report of the Regents of the University of Maryland;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Powder presented the petition of John Billmyer, praying to be divorced from his wife Rebecca Billmyer;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Shriver presented the petition of James M. Harding, asking for the passage of a law for the benefit of Catharine E. Fleming;

Which was read and referred to the Frederick county delegation.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of sundry citizens of Caroline county, praying for the establishment of a female school in the town of Denton;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Potter, McKnett and Keene.

On motion of Mr. Curley,

Leave was granted Messrs. Curley, Carey, Levering and Stansbury, of Baltimore city, to bring in a bill to incorporate Union