

My page whatever, and that however justly due to the creditor as the only legiti-  
mate fruit of his capital, the amount of bonds, whatever it may  
be, must be a clear addition to the present obligations of the State,  
for which she has received and can receive no equivalent whatever.

On the other hand the amount for which the board propose to  
issue their bonds has actually been earned and legitimately once  
usefully expended on account and for the purposes of their stockhol-  
ders," &c. &c.

The comparison which is here instituted (unfavourable  
to the State) between the ability or right of the State to fund the ar-  
rears of interest on her public debt, and the right of this company  
to declare this dividend, and the discouragement attempted to be  
thrown over the present effort of the Legislature to restore the public  
credit, requires no comment from me. Such opinions could  
only be entertained and expressed at such a time, by one who  
has no interest or feeling in common with the people of our  
State, ~~and~~ will not I trust be viewed by you as a successful  
attempt on his part to ridicule or thwart the recommendations  
of the State & centre upon a subject so vitally important  
to every Marylander as the credit of this State.

I have thus hastily thrown together, in the shape  
of a reply to the paper to which your order refers, the reasons which  
influenced me in expressing the opinions contained in my  
message upon the subject of this dividend, and I shall most  
cheerfully acquiesce in any decision to which the Legislature  
may come upon the subject.

Thos. G. Pratt

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1847

E. J. Turner  
remission  
of fine

The Governor this day upon the recommendation of the judges of  
West County Court, remitted a fine of ten dollars imposed by said Court upon  
Edward Turner & Co. for selling without license.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1847

Pardons  
D. Gould

The Governor this day upon the recommendation of the judges of  
Baltimore County Court & others granted a pardon to Daniel Gould in  
see record of pardons.

Bonds  
M. C. Harney

The Governor this day approved the official Bonds of M. C. Harney  
as Notary Public at Annapolis.

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1847

Bonds  
J. Gill

The Governor this day approved the official Bonds John Gill as  
Notary Public for Baltimore City.