

page by either or only one of these routes should you come to the conclusion, which I trust you may, that the company have the means with the aid of the bonds of the State now held by them, to complete the road by the more expensive of the two routes, (which is understood to be the route preferred by the board, as now constituted) I would advise the continuation of such of the present directors as are known to be in favour of that route, and the substitution of others in the place of those who are known to be opposed to the adoption of that route. But if upon a full investigation of the question, you should conclude that the means of the company including the State bonds are adequate, or of doubtful sufficiency, to ensure the speedy completion of the road by this route, it will be clearly incumbent on you to use all the power with which you are clothed to secure the selection of the other and less expensive route, by which it is admitted that the road may be completed with the present means of the company. It would be an irreparable calamity to the city of Baltimore, and to the State, if her bonds in the hands of this company were used in the construction of this work without adequate additional means of completion. I must gentlemen, invoke for this subject, your serious considerations, and I shall rejoice at any conclusion to which you may come by which this noble enterprise will be speedily consummated.

I have received from the Commissioner of Loans, a copy of the record of bonds issued by him for coupons, under the provisions of the Act of December Session 1846, Chapter 88, and which I now transmit to you, as required by the third section of that Act. I also transmit two letters received from that officer, in reply to letters of inquiry, addressed to him, asking for information as to the probable amount of interest to be funded, under the provisions of that Act, from which you will see that the amount will be under \$900,000.

The Acts of Assembly which provide for the tuition of the blind and deaf and dumb, require the Governor to report annually to the legislature, the amount expended for those objects. In the past year the sum of \$600, has been paid for the education of the blind, and \$1,344, 96 for the education of the deaf and dumb.

By resolution No. 3, of December Session 1844, the sum of \$3,000 was appropriated to be expended by me in repairing and furnishing the Government House. I respectfully request that you will appoint a committee to examine the vouchers which I have preserved, showing the expenditure of this fund.

As directed by resolution No. 27 of the same