

and the interest of the State, and still more its necessities, require that this should be remedied without longer delay.

By an act of the last General Assembly, (ch. 33,) an equivalent to the interest upon the Surplus Revenue of the United States, which that act directed to be applied to the payment of the interest upon the public debt, and the interest of which had been before appropriated to the support of Free Schools, was (it is to be presumed inadvertently) charged upon the State's future revenue from the Washington Branch Road of the said company, in direct conflict with the pledge of the General Assembly of 1838, by ch. 390, section 4.

The Treasurer respectfully suggests therefore, that so much of the said ch. 33, of 1839, and also the 4th section thereof, be repealed—and that the said appropriation for the support of Free Schools be charged instead, either upon the general revenue of the State, or upon its revenue derived from Bank Stocks, which continue to divide satisfactorily, but which the Commissioner of Loans has found it impossible to sell in obedience to the said 4th section, without a sacrifice wholly inadmissible in the absence of particular and positive instructions from the General Assembly.

#### OF THE EASTERN SHORE TREASURY

He is unable to make the usual report, because the statements by the 1st and 2d sections of ch. 149, of 1824, required to be furnished by the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, have not been received from the present treasurer thereof.

In obedience to the 4th section of that act, he has prepared and submits Statement A.—but for the reasons aforesaid, he is unable to furnish, in pursuance of the 2d and 5th sections, the Statements heretofore distinguished as B. and C.