

stock. If the interest on the Maryland loans is punctually paid, these mortgages cannot be foreclosed. Until the 3d day of June 1839 the United States, the State of Virginia, and the District cities, through their representatives in the Board of Directors, controlled all the proceedings of the company. That a Board of Directors thus organized, should have paid the interest to Maryland, by the sale of the bonds of the State, is not surprising. By so doing, the property of those they represented, was saved from sacrifice. But, could Marylanders be justified in increasing the debt of the State by sales of its bonds, (especially after they were saleable for only 70 in the 100) to exempt from forfeiture the canal stock of other parties, much more able than Maryland is, to furnish the means to extricate the Canal Company from its embarrassments? I thought not. My colleagues in the Board of Directors, from this State, concurred with me in opinion, and being a majority in the direction, we, from a sense of duty, determined, to arrest a procedure of which we decidedly disapproved. By that determination injustice is not done to any of the parties interested. Maryland may, if the authorities of the State think proper, endeavor to foreclose the mortgage, unless the other stockholders will come forward and furnish the means to the canal company, to pay its debts, and complete the work under construction.

3d.—Of the scrip issued as evidences of debt by the canal company. The amount of scrip issued at different times by the President and Directors, when possessed of no other means of satisfying the demands of their creditors of the company, is exhibited, particularly in the statement of the chief clerk, “of the debts and credits of the company,” in the appendix.

The scrip issued prior to June 1839 now in circulation, is \$11,427.25. Of the scrip issued since June 1839 and prior to June 1840, there are in circulation, and in hands of trustees 299,875.00. Of the scrip issued, since July 1840, there are in circulation 453,406.92. The Legislature were informed at its last session, that 5 per cent sterling bonds had been conveyed to trustees, for the redemption of all the scrip which was then issued bearing the signature of the present President of the canal company. The amount of which, as found above, is \$299,875. We have no means, now, of showing what portion of that scrip is still in circulation. The trustees appointed to redeem it and who have had £90,625 of the Maryland 5 per cents conveyed to them for that purpose, have not closed their