

European market. The condition of the money market preventing a sale, they were left by Mr. McLane, in the hands of Messrs. Barings, Brothers, & Co. of London, and being unsaleable at the limit fixed, were all cancelled by the Messrs. Barings, under the order of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, and returned to the Loan office, in virtue of the 1st. sec. of ch 12, of the acts of Dec. session 1839. The first coupon, for the interest which would have been due 1st January 1840, if the bonds had been sold, was cut off from each bond and retained by the Messrs. Barings, as appears by their letter to the Commissioner of Loans—dated 31st October, 1840. No reason is assigned for this, in the letter of Messrs. Barings, and the committee recommend that the Commissioner of Loans be instructed to have these coupons transmitted to the Loan office.

The said one hundred and eighty bonds were all found cancelled, and were examined, counted and burned by the committee, as required by the eighth head of their duties, as before enumerated.

In pursuance of chapter 416, of the acts of 1838, the commissioner of loans issued one thousand of the State's five per cent. sterling bonds, of two hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling each, equal to one million of dollars, the interest payable semi-annually in London. These bonds bear date July 1st, 1839, and are redeemable at the pleasure of the State after the year 1865.

They were delivered to the President of the Susquehannah Canal Company and Tide Water Canal Company, as appears by his receipts of June 10th, 1839.

Thus much the committee have deemed it proper to state, in detail, in reference to "the several issues" of the State's sterling debt.

The committee examined all the transfers of stock by the said commissioner of loans, from his appointment, to the 31st December, 1840, and carefully compared the certificate book and transfer ledger, with the several cancelled certificates, for which others had been issued, and found that they all accurately corresponded. The said cancelled certificates were all burned by the committee.

The committee received from the said commissioner of loans four hundred and ninety-three of the six per cent. dollar bonds of the State, dated the first day of April, 1838, and of the