

rest on that portion of the public debt. The Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, having been compelled to apply its nett revenue to the payment of old debts, has been unable, till recently, to contribute any thing towards the relief of the treasury. But its profits are gradually increasing, and its debts are nearly extinguished. In September last, it paid seven thousand dollars to the Treasurer, and there is very little doubt that the future profits of the work will supply the means of paying a considerable portion of interest on that part of the debt which was contracted for its use. On the loan of one million of dollars to the Tide Water Canal Company, no part of the interest has been received since the first of last January. The loans and subscriptions to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, amounting to more than seven millions of dollars, have been the principal cause of the heavy embarrassments in which the State is now involved; and until that work is completed to Cumberland, the interest on the whole investment will continue to be a charge on the treasury. While it is therefore of the utmost importance to finish the canal, it is evident that we have not the means of providing funds for that purpose. It would be unavailing to attempt to borrow money, at present, on the credit of the State, or to force out a new issue of bonds, when those which have already been offered for sale are rejected in every market.

Reports have been received from the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, and the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company; also from the Directors of the Penitentiary, the Commissioners of Lotteries, and the Topographical Engineer; all of which will be submitted in the course of the present week.

The law, which provides for placing indigent deaf and dumb children at the Pennsylvania Institution, makes it the duty of the executive to report to the Legislature the number of pupils sent from this State, and the amount expended in their education. That provision of the law escaped my attention, till it was too late to comply with it at the last session. A statement is now given, which embraces the whole period from the passage of the law to the present time.

The whole number of pupils has been forty-four; of these thirty-two have been discharged, leaving twelve at the institution, who have not gone through their regular course. The amount of money, expended in their support and education, from the year 1829 to the 1st of the present month, is twenty-eight thousand and ninety-three dollars.

Eight pupils have been sent to the Institution for instructing the blind, and the amount expended for their support, from the first of December 1839 to the present time, is two thousand nine hundred and seventy-four dollars. None of these pupils have been discharged.

By a resolution of the last session, the executive was required