

all incorporated companies, upon paying into the Treasury one half of one per centum, is estimated to yield	-	-	15,000
To which may be added the tax on protested notes, and bills of exchange—on silver plate, and watches—on the the different classes of brokers—on theatrical and other exhibitions, imposed by the several laws passed at December session 1841, and which if properly enforced and collected, cannot produce less than	-	-	30,000
Making in all an annual revenue of	-	-	<u>\$630,000</u>

Should these estimates be realized, and the committee think they are neither extravagant or sanguine, there will be abundant means to enable the State to meet the demands of her creditors, and the obligations which a proper sense of her own honor impose upon her.

Having thus endeavored to show the amount of the public debt, the available means of the State, applicable to its extinction, and the resources which may be relied upon for the payment of the annual interest, the committee propose to explain how, in their judgment the arrears of the interest to the close of the last fiscal year, may be paid.

These arrears, according to the report of the Treasurer amount to	-	-	-	-	\$1,171,872 87
The bank stock held by the State, and which may now be spared, amounts to	-	-	-	\$510,966 66	
The arrearages of taxes for 1841 and 1842 are	-	-	-	269,703 29	
The sums due from public officers on the Western Shore exclusive of interest are	-	-	-	95,129 45	
Ditto on the Eastern Shore,	-	-	-	28,746 41	
Interest due from the Tide Water Canal Company,	-	-	-	167,000 00	
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Leaving after the application of these means a balance of

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to be funded or satisfied in some other way.

The committee think that, the State possesses sufficient resources to pay the current expenses of the Government, without the aid of the dividends on her Bank stock. These dividends in the past year, amounted to \$28,440—but the Treasury during the same period, was subject to a charge of \$15,000 on account of the Maryland Penitentiary, a charge, which will not recur this year, that Institution, according to their annual report not standing in need of