

that account, on the first of December 1849 to \$618,621 07. Thus, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, has the State commenced the payment of the principal of her debt, from the general funds of the Treasury, and it becomes a matter of the highest importance to the people, that they should be informed, as to the time, when, under the existing revenue system, that debt will be certainly and finally extinguished. With this view, in order to furnish a certain and reliable calculation, it will be necessary to separate from the aggregate amount of the State's liabilities, all such sums as, for purposes of redemption, either are not, or cannot become chargeable upon the revenues of the Treasury. The following statement will exhibit the result.

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| Public debt on the 30th of September 1849 | | \$16,164,813 44 | |
| Deduct—Sterling bonds held by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company | \$3,200,000 00 | | |
| Tobacco loan | 161,984 15 | | |
| Interest bonds redeemed | 260,118 38 | | |
| Sinking fund | 1,892,537 61 | 5,514,640 14 | |

Total public debt to be redeemed \$10,650,173 30

Of this amount, \$618,621 07, of the funded interest is first to be paid. The reliable accruing revenue of last year, exceeded \$1,200,000, and the taxes of that and former years in the hands of collectors, amounted to \$551,833 69. The experience of the Treasury shows, that the difference between the revenue which accrues, and that received for any one year, is usually supplied from the arrears of taxes due for former years; so true, indeed, is this, that the receipts of the last fiscal year from that source, greatly exceeded the deficiency in the current revenue of the year. The receipts of the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of November 1850 may, with certainty, be estimated at \$1,200,000, a sum less than the receipts of last year, by \$115,439 86. Adding to that amount, the balance remaining on the first of December 1849, \$484,892 96, the aggregate revenue of the year will be \$1,684,892 96. The disbursements for the same period will be, for ordinary expenses, \$200,000, for interest on the public debt \$700,000, for redemption of one half of the residue of the funded interest \$309,310 53, making a total of \$1,209,310 53, and leaving a balance in the Treasury at the close of the year of \$475,582 43.

A like estimate of receipts and disbursements for the succeeding year, allowing for a decrease of interest in proportion to the reduction of the principal of the debt, will find, on the first of December 1851, the interest bonds entirely cancelled, a balance of \$484,830 53 in the Treasury, and the public debt reduced to \$10,031,552 23. From that time forward, all surpluses in the Treasury, become applicable to the sinking fund. The manifest and constant improvement perceptible in the collection and payment of taxes, taken in connexion with the certainty of increased revenue from Internal Improvement Companies, for reasons which will