

REPORT.

*The Honorable,
The Speaker of the House of Delegates:*

The joint committee appointed in pursuance of Resolution No. 13, of the late session of the General Assembly, beg leave to report that in the performance of the duty assigned them, they examined in the office of the Treasurer, in Annapolis, the coupons mentioned in a "List of Cancelled Maryland Coupons," received from Baring, Brothers & Co., and found, with a few slight exceptions, that said list was accurate, and that there had been paid at London 17,521 sterling coupons, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £132,151 17 6; but on entering the payments upon the register, the committee found that of this number there had been previously marked as paid upon the books of the Commissioner of Loans, as returned to the Treasurer, some seventy-five coupons, and as all those entries had been made more than four years ago, and former committees of the Legislature had certified to the accuracy of the same, and destroyed the coupons, the present committee were in doubt as to whether payments had been made a second time, or the entries were mistakes made in the late loan office. At the request of the committee, the treasurer sent for Mr. Chamberlaine, who, upon an examination of the cash book of the loan office, and a comparison of the same with the coupon register, found that the entries in the latter had been made by mistake, and the committee satisfied thereof, made the necessary corrections. It is due to Mr. Chamberlaine to say, that in all the entries made by him there was great accuracy, and the committee feel under many obligations to him for the facilities extended to them in their examination.