REPORT.

The Joint Committe of the two houses of the General Assembly, appointed in pursuance of resolution No. 8, of December session 1840, respectfully report: that discharge of the duties required of them by said resolution they received, from the Treasurer of the Western Shore and receipted for certificates of Stock of the State, standing in his official name and to his credit, on the books of the State's loan office in Baltimore since the first day of January 1842, and to the first day of January 1843, together amounting to nineteen thousand eight hundred and ninety three dollars, eighty-three cents, being so much of the State's Stock appertaining to the sinking fund as he purchased for its augmentation in the year ending on the first day of December 1842 and of the several issues, amounts and denominations following, to wit: Of the States' 5 per cent Stock per ch. 252 of 1826 \$4,000 00

6 per cent Stock per ch. 350 of 1835 and its supplements.

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All the certificates were examined by your Committee, counted and burned in the presence of the Treasurer. Your committee further report, that in the discharge of their duties they proceeded to the City of Baltimore and examined the proceedings of John S. Gittings, Esq. Commissioner of Loans of the State from the first day of January 1842, to the 1st day of January 1843, and the Committee with pleasure acknowledge the fidelity with which the responsible duties to the State have been discharged, and the facility afforded to the Committee to make a full and free inspection into the accuracy of the accounts, and for an account of the receipts, disbursements and balance in his hands, and of the present condition of the sterling debt and currency dedt of the State. Your committee beg leave to call your attention to the appendix marked, exhibits A. & B. prepared under their directions and accompanying this report.

The Committee examined with great care, the transfer books and compared the certificate book and transfer ledger, from January 1st 1842 to January 1st 1843, with the several cancelled certificates, for which others had been issued, and those cancelled were burned by your

Committee.