

ed debt due and owing at the date of the adoption of the Constitution, equal in amount to the price obtained for the same, or to invest the proceeds thereof in the bonds of the State authorized by the act of 1865, chapter 33, known as the 'Defence Loan,' provided that the said sales shall not be made for less than the par value of the said shares;"

Which was read and adopted;

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading;

Mr. Tome moved to give it a third reading by special order;

Determined in the negative.

The bill to amend the the act providing Bounty for Soldiers so as to exempt the Bonds therein proposed from State, County and Municipal taxation;

Was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Billingslea, of Carroll,	Ohr,
Davis, of Caroline,	Philpot,
Davis, of Washington,	Tome,
Eaton,	Trail,
Frazier,	Vickers,
Holton,	Wells,
Mackall,	Whitney—15.
McNeal,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Clarke,	McMaster,
Earle,	Stephenson—5.
Lansdale,	

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

The bill authorizing the Governor and Comptroller and Treasurer to exchange or sell a portion of the Stocks standing to the Sinking Fund, and to invest the proceeds thereof;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading;

Mr. Clarke submitted the following amendment;

Insert after word "auction," in line twelve, "at such times and in such amounts as they may deem most advantageous to the State's interest;"

Which was read and adopted.