

If there be deducted from this amount, the par value of the productive capital of the State, as set forth in Statement "I," and stocks of the Sinking Fund, with the balance to its credit, without reference to the unproductive capital of the State, which is of great value, or the balance in the Treasury proper, there remains the sum of \$2,392,821.12.

The Sterling Bonds of the State, issued under chapter 416 of 1838, of which the amount of \$802,000 are still outstanding, were made by the provisions of the Act redeemable at the pleasure of the State after the 1st of January, 1865.

These bonds, however, are payable in London, and at the present rate of exchange, could not be redeemed without serious loss to the Treasury.

The attention of your Honorable Body is called to the fact that the coupons attached to these bonds are exhausted, and that the collection of the interest is attended with considerable inconvenience to the holders. The most feasible remedy would be to authorize the Treasurer, on the presentation and cancellation of the old, to issue new bonds.

The following statement will show the character of the State debt redeemed during the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1866, and the amount disbursed on that account:

Temporary Loan including interest.....	\$895,033 64
Bonds of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company.....	22,022 70
State 5 per cent. stocks.....	11,229 17
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	\$928,285 51

The receipts from sales of the Bank and Road Stock were not sufficient for payment of this debt—the difference, amounting to \$87,589.60, was paid from the general Treasury.

#### AGRICULTURAL LAND SCRIP.

The Public Land donated by the Act of Congress approved July 2nd, 1862, and accepted by the State under the Act of 1864, chapter 90, amounts to two hundred and nine thousand nine hundred and twenty acres. No part of the scrip issued