

made a source of revenue. There can be no reasonable doubt but that, including the drawings, these Inspectors receive much larger emoluments than the law allows. I recommend the subject to your careful investigation.

EASTERN SHORE APPROPRIATIONS.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1860, chap. 303, subscriptions have been made by the Treasurer to the several "Eastern Shore Rail Roads," and a portion of the subscription paid.

To the "Maryland and Delaware Rail Road," \$15,105.00, the full balance; to "Wicomico and Pocomoke Rail Road," \$32,000, in part; to "Bohemia Bridge Company," \$5,292.33, being part of the appropriation to Cecil county.

Both of these last appropriations will be paid in full, on completion, during the current calendar year.

AGRICULTURAL LAND SCRIP.

By an Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, and accepted by the State, "Land Scrip" to the amount of 209,920 acres, for the benefit of "Agricultural and Mechanical Arts," was delivered to one of my predecessors. On the 20th of March last, having received sealed proposals from several parties for the purchase of said scrip, I laid the matter before the Governor and Treasurer, and with their consent and approval accepted the offer of G. F. Lewis, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio, at 53 $\frac{1}{10}$ ¢ per acre, realizing the sum of \$112,504. By the Act of 1866, chap. 53, an allowance of ten per cent. is given the State of the proceeds of such sale to reimburse in part for moneys advanced to the "Agricultural College." Deducting the commission leaves the sum of \$101,253.60, of which sum \$100,000 has been invested in the "Southern Relief Fund," drawing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable on the first of January and July.

The entire payments were not made till June, and the bonds were issued on the first of July, 1867. The first semi-annual interest will be paid on the first of January, 1868.