

In addition to the above sum of \$5,000,000.00, \$1,600,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used to pay the expense of constructing a new bridge over the Patapsco River from Baltimore City to Brooklyn, either directly or by way of the point of Baltimore City, as the State Roads Commission may determine, and for paving in Baltimore City.

“STATE OMNIBUS LOAN OF 1914.”

(1) For the completion of the Maryland State Normal School	\$225,000 00
(2) For the completion of the State Armory in the City of Frederick	11,500 00
(3) For the completion of the State Armory in the City of Salisbury	10,500 00
(4) For the completion of the State Armory and Convention Hall in the City of Annapolis	25,000 00
(5) For the enlargement and improvement of Springfield State Hospital	110,000 00
(6) For the enlargement and improvement of Spring Grove State Hospital	80,000 00
(7) For the enlargement and improvement of Crownsville State Hospital	100,000 00
(8) For the enlargement and improvement of Eastern Shore State Hospital	100,000 00
(9) For the enlargement and improvement of Rosewood State Training School	28,000 00
(10) For the acquisition of land and erection thereon of two State Armories at a cost not exceeding \$30,000 each for the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard.	60,000 00
(11) For the acquisition of land and toward the erection thereon of a State Armory for the 4th Regiment, Maryland National Guard	200,000 00

CONCLUSION.

In my judgment, the time has now arrived in the financial affairs of this State where a different mode or system ought to be inaugurated in dealing with appropriations. The present method is antiquated and unbusinesslike and woefully lacking in any system whatever, and to this cause, more than any other, do I attribute our present embarrassment. Our appropriation bills and omnibus bills are generally passed about the last days of the session, when the Finance Committees are overburdened with work, and they have not sufficient time properly to estimate the total amount of all the appropriations, for I do not believe that the Legislature, with their eyes fully opened to the subject, would deliberately make appropriations for the two fiscal years intervening from the meeting of one Legislature to another so largely in excess of the revenues of the State applicable to the payment of such appropriations.

We now have upon the statute books Acts of Assembly carrying appropriations under which they are now paid that were enacted more than a century ago, and in recent years this custom