

burn, in his presence and in the presence of each other, the said six per cent. dollar bonds, to the amount of five and a half millions of dollars; and also the said certificates for stocks of the State, appertaining to the sinking fund, now held by the said Treasurer, to the amount of one million fifty-five thousand seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents, and that of their proceedings herein, they make report to the Legislature, to be printed with the other public documents.

*Resolved further,* That a joint committee of the two houses, to be constituted as before directed, shall, at each succeeding session of the General Assembly, receive from the said Treasurer, and receipt for, examine, count and burn as aforesaid, all certificates for stocks of this State, which the said Treasurer shall in the past year have purchased or otherwise obtained for the augmentation of the sinking fund, and make report thereof, as aforesaid.

*And be it further resolved,* That the joint committee of the two houses, hereinbefore directed to be appointed, be and it is hereby authorised and directed to proceed to the city of Baltimore, and to examine the proceedings and documents of John S. Gittings, Esquire, Commissioner of Loans of this State, from the beginning of his service, to the first day of December, eighteen hundred and forty; and particularly, take an accurate account of his receipts from all sources, and disbursements as Commissioner of Loans, and the balance remaining in his hands on the day and year aforesaid; and of the amount of the public debt on that day, as shown by the books of the Loan Office, and of the several issues thereof; that they examine, count and burn, in the same manner as hereinbefore directed, the residue of the said six per cent. dollar bonds of the State, said to be now in his custody; and the five per cent. sterling bonds now in his custody, in pursuance of the first section of chapter twelve, of the acts of December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine; and the currency five per cent. debt of the State now in his custody, in pursuance of the third section of chapter thirty-three, of the acts of the same session; and all the vouchers of his disbursements, which they shall find to consist of the State's coupons, or other public securities; and that they make report of their proceedings herein also as aforesaid.

*Resolved further,* That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioner of Loans annually, in the first week of the session, to report to the General Assembly, whatever amount of bonds, certificates or other evidence of indebted-