

## COMMUNICATION.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

ANNAPOLIS, *March 13th*, 1865.

TO THE HON. JOHN M. FRAZIER,

*Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

*Sir*:—In obedience to an order passed by your Honorable Body, I beg leave to state, that the money of the State has been generally kept in the Farmers Bank of Maryland.

From time to time, however, there has been a portion of the funds of the State on deposit in the Citizens Bank of Baltimore, which Bank, or its President, is the State's Agent for the payment of the interest upon the Public Debt; and the President of said Bank is required to give a bond, approved by the Governor, to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duty, which is a further security to the State.

With or without this security, however, I considered the Citizens Bank quite as safe a depository of the surplus funds of the State as any other Bank, and fully as much entitled as any other Banking Institution to a portion of the surplus which might be on hand at any time.

Under an arrangement made by the Comptroller of the Treasury with Augustus M. Price, Esq., the Collector of Baltimore city, the latter deposits daily to the credit of the State all moneys collected for or on account of the State in the Citizens Bank of Baltimore.

The deposits thus made by the City Collector, under this arrangement, has been kept on deposit in the said Bank, for which I have received certificates of deposit, and which are used by me as the wants of the Treasury demand, through the Farmers Bank of Maryland, the same as I would use any payment into or for account of the Treasury.

In this connection, however, I would most respectfully inform your Honorable Body, that the balance which the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means supposed to be on hand, from the reports handed in, did not really exist in money, but was in the bonds of the United States to the extent of six hundred thousand dollars—five-twenties—which I subscribed for on the first of December, 1863, and held as a portion of the surplus on hand until about the first