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## THE TAXATION OF MORTGAGES.

REPORT OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER—HIS ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF EQUALIZATION OF TAXES.

As a matter of general interest we give below a full synopsis of Commissioner Woolford's report touching the mortgage tax question. It should be carefully read and fully digested by all who take an interest in matters of public concern:

TAXATION OF MORTGAGE DEBTS.

Although I do not consider it necessary to repeat here the arguments used in my former reports on this subject, as those arguments are accessible and familiar, I deem it proper that this matter, being of absorbing interest, should be again presented for your consideration. Previous to the passage of the act of 1870, chapter 304, debts secured by mortgage were always taxable as other interest-bearing securities, except in the single instance of the deferred payments of the purchase money for land secured by mortgage of such land; a provision for the exemption of the latter class of mortgage debts from taxation having been passed a short time before. At the time of the passage of the act of 1870, landowners were suffering from the terrible effects of the civil war; an immense debt of the United States was seeking investment at 6 per cent. interest free of taxation; a variety of railroad bonds and other coupon bonds promising six, seven and eight per cent. interest were offered freely, and other investments were constantly on the market to such an extent that the owners of real property, particularly in the counties, frequently found difficulty in borrowing upon mortgage, while the mortgage debt was liable to taxation. This fact no doubt brought upon the Legislature of that year a very strong pressure to disregard the provision of the bill of rights of the State to this extent. The shrewd capitalist who was anxious to adhere to a solid investment, rather than yield to tempting rates of interest on investments in which he very wisely had not equal confidence, joined in the pressure and the act of 1870 was passed. It was believed by many to be necessary for the relief of the landed interest, and was acceded to as a sort of necessity from the consequences of the war. There is no doubt that temporary relief was gained by many owners of real property by this means. It created a desire on the part of investors to obtain such solid security on more favorable terms, and caused money to be freely offered to landowners on mortgage, and many landowners availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain actual or fancied relief. On the part of many who were thus encouraged to put liens on their estates, which they have not been able since to release without inconvenience, a fear has no doubt existed that if the mortgage debts were taxed a disposition to realize on such mortgages at once might result in inconvenience. It is submitted that this fear is now groundless, for the reason that the reduction in the rates of interest on all safe securities has been so great, that very few perfectly secure investments can now be had, which will yield more than three and a half or four per cent. net income. It is believed, therefore, that if such mortgage debts were again subjected to taxation the demand for safe investments would render it easy for any mortgagor under covenant to pay taxes on the mortgage debt to obtain a release of the old mortgage, by exchanging it for the new one without such covenant, and that investors would find it to their interest to secure such safe security, although the net income therefrom, free of taxes, might be reduced to five or even four and a half per cent. per annum.

Assuming this view to be correct, the present Legislature will have an opportunity to restore the operation of the principle of equality of taxation contained in the declaration of rights of the State, without danger to any of her citizens. That this position is regarded as correct by the masses of the people is warranted by the fact that a large majority of the people of the State, including mortgagors, believed that it is incumbent on the General Assembly to restore the equality of taxation in this respect. It is a noticeable fact that while the investor is clamorous for a continuance of the exemption, the landowner, though a mortgagor, being deeply interested in restoring equality in taxation, favors the restoration. I believe that in the present condition of the money market the change can now be made without serious inconvenience to any one, and that such being the case, a majority of the people demand and expect it to be done. If this is done it will, in my judgment be incumbent on the Legislature to make all future covenants on the part of mortgagors to pay the taxes on the mortgage debts inoperative and void, and to repeal the present provision making such contracts lawful.

In answer to the argument frequently made of late years, that the taxation of mortgage debts, secured upon land, involves a double taxation, the land itself being taxes to the mortgagor, I need simply say that such a doctrine has been repeatedly urged upon the Court of Appeals of the State, and that high tribunal has uniformly repudiated such a theory, the land being regarded as the estate of the mortgagor in possession, and the mortgage debt being the property of the mortgagee.

When the purchase money for the land, however, is the subject of the mortgage debt it would be equitable that the mortgagor in possession of the land should be credited with the unpaid purchase money thus secured, that amount being subject to taxation in the hands of the mortgagee. Wherever the land has been simply hypothecated for the security of a loan, there is no more reason for the exemption than there is for the exemption of shares of bank stock hypothecated for the same purpose, although such a proposition was never made in the latter case or claimed so far as I am advised.

In the instance of railroad and other corporation bonds bearing coupons for interest, of which there are millions exempted under the act of 1870, and other laws made in pursuance of the provisions of that act, the claim of double taxation has never been set up, as no covenant exists in them, compelling the mortgagor in any event to pay the taxes; yet being mortgage debts, the exemption pertains to them as well as to the mortgage debts of individuals, in all cases where the entire property mortgaged is situated within the State of Maryland.

The restoration of such mortgage bonds to taxation would add immensely to the basis of assessment in the State.

EQUALIZATION OF TAXATION.

The perfect restoration of the equality in taxation contemplated in the bill of rights of this State (even with the present large basis of public expenditure) would so reduce the rates of State and county and city taxes as to be an immense relief to the owners of real property. The objection to the ownership of real property which has prevailed now for a long time would then to a large extent be removed. The owner of a small home in city or country could then enjoy its possession without any fear that he was to be compelled to pay any portion of what his rich neighbor, who has his investment in non-taxable securities, ought by the equitable provisions of the bill to pay for himself, towards the support of the government which protects him and his interests.

Of all taxpayers in the State, the owners of small houses in the city of Baltimore probably feel most sensibly the injustice of the prevailing inequality in the basis of taxation. The restoration of equality in taxation would, on the contrary, make it to the interest of every citizen having a family to own his own home, a result which is always due to wise, fair and equal legislation on the subject of taxation. That legislation which does exact justice to all, giving no special favors or exemptions to any, is, in my opinion, best calculated to inspire confidence, and will be most likely to induce the permanent location of capital within our borders.

If this perfect equality now existed, and efficient means are devised to enable the county commissioners, Appeals Tax Court and State tax commissioner, to bring all the wealth of the State to a fair and equal assessment, the rate of annual levy in the large and populous counties and the city of Baltimore may be reduced to an extent that will be fully appreciated by all classes of tax-payers. While the masses of the people are anxious for the equalization, the precise reverse governs a few who dread nothing in the way of legislation so much as the repeal of special immunities and exemptions, and the discovery of hidden wealth which now escapes the knowledge of the assessor.

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Gazed vacantly upon his safe; his
Cashier wasn't there.

And thus in peevish, fretful mood, with
Much uneasy air,
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Coming up the stair.

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Cashier's wife in tears—
"Oh, tell me, where's my husband? Pray,
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He, "Pray, search the books!"

—*Paul Pry, in Life.*

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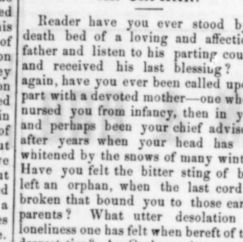
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On and after Monday Dec. 17, 1883, until further notice, trains will run as follows:

| GOING NORTH. | Passenger No. 1 daily | Passenger and Freight No. 3 Thursdays. |
|---|---|---|
| LEAVE | A M | P M |
| Chestertown | 8 00 | 2 00 |
| Worton | 8 20 | 2 20 |
| Lynch's | 8 30 | 2 30 |
| Still Pond | 8 40 | 2 40 |
| Kennedyville | 8 55 | 2 55 |
| Black's | 9 10 | 3 10 |
| Lambson | 9 25 | 3 20 |
| Massey's | 9 40 | 3 35 |
| Delaney | 9 55 | 3 50 |
| *Bingham | 10 10 | 4 00 |
| arr Clayton | 10 25 | 4 10 |
| leave " | 11 08 | 4 31 |
| Middletown | 11 42 | 5 06 |
| Wilmington | 12 40 | 6 05 |
| Philada. | 1 40 | 7 05 |
| Baltimore | 3 20 | 8 32 |
| N. York | | 10 20 |

| GOING SOUTH | Pass. and Freight No. 2, daily, except Thursdays | Pass. and Freight No. 4, Thursdays. | Passenger No 5 Thursdays only. |
|---|---|---|---|
| LEAVE | A M | A M | P M |
| New York | | | |
| Baltimore | 9 30 | | 12 10 |
| Philadelphia | 11 55 | 8 00 | 3 00 |
| Wilmington | 1 15 | 9 05 | 4 00 |
| Middletown | 2 14 | 10 11 | 4 42 |
| arr. Clayton | 2 35 | 10 40 | 5 05 |
| leave " | 2 43 | 11 15 | 5 10 |
| *Bingham | 2 53 | 11 30 | 5 20 |
| Delaney | 3 03 | 11 40 | 5 25 |
| Massey's | 3 18 | 11 55 | 5 40 |
| Lambson | 3 32 | 12 10 | 5 50 |
| Black's | 3 46 | 12 25 | 6 00 |
| Kennedyville | 4 00 | 12 40 | 6 10 |
| Still Pond | 4 10 | 12 50 | 6 17 |
| Lynch's | 4 16 | 12 55 | 6 22 |
| Worton | 4 26 | 1 05 | 6 27 |
| arrive Chestertown | 4 40 | 1 20 | 6 40 |

Stations marked thus (*) have no agents. Freight for Bingham's and Nicholson's must be prepaid.

The morning trains make close connection at Clayton with trains on Delaware Railroad going North and South.

Passengers on morning train to and from Baltimore change cars at Wilmington or Delaware Junction.

Freight carried at low rates to all points and must be at Stations 30 minutes before starting time, in order to insure dispatch.

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Delaware Divis'n: Time Table.

ON and after MONDAY, Nov. 12, 1883, (Sundays excepted) trains will leave as follows:

| NORTH. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Delmar | ... | ... | 9 05 | 2 20 |
| Laurel | ... | ... | 9 17 | 2 33 |
| SEAFORD | ... | ... | 9 30 | 2 47 |
| Bridgeville | ... | ... | 9 44 | 3 01 |
| Greenwood | ... | ... | 9 53 | 3 11 |
| Farmington | ... | ... | 10 01 | 3 19 |
| Harrington | ... | 8 10 | 10 12 | 3 32 |
| Felton | ... | 8 20 | 10 23 | 3 42 |
| Canterbury | ... | 8 24 | 10 27 | 3 47 |
| Woodside | ... | 8 28 | 10 30 | 3 52 |
| Wyoming | 6 54 | 8 34 | 10 38 | 3 59 |
| DOVER | 7 01 | 8 42 | 10 45 | 4 06 |
| Moorton | 7 11 | ... | 10 55 | 4 16 |
| Brenford | 7 18 | ... | 11 01 | 4 23 |
| SMYRNA *or* | 7 14 | 8 53 | 11 00 | 4 20 |
| Clayton | 7 24 | 9 03 | 11 08 | 4 31 |
| Green Spring | 7 29 | ... | 11 13 | 4 36 |
| Blackbird | 7 37 | ... | 11 20 | 4 44 |
| Townsend | 7 42 | 9 15 | 11 25 | 4 50 |
| MIDDLETOWN | 7 55 | 9 22 | 11 42 | 5 06 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 8 03 | ... | 11 51 | 5 15 |
| Kirkwood | 8 12 | ... | 12 01 | 5 25 |
| Porter's | 8 17 | ... | 12 06 | 5 28 |
| Bear | 8 22 | ... | 12 11 | 5 37 |
| State Road | 8 25 | ... | 12 14 | 5 40 |
| New Castle | 8 33 | 9 48 | 12 21 | 5 49 |
| WILMINGTON | 8 50 | 10 00 | 12 40 | 6 05 |
| BALTIMORE | 12 25 | 12 25 | 3 20 | 8 32 |
| PHILADELPHIA | 9 52 | 10 52 | 1 40 | 7 05 |

| SOUTH. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PHILADELPHIA | 8 00 | 11 55 | 3 00 | 5 20 |
| BALTIMORE | 7 00 | 9 30 | 12 10 | 4 10 |
| WILMINGTON | 9 05 | 1 15 | 4 00 | 6 25 |
| Delaware Junction | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| New Castle | 9 19 | 1 30 | 4 11 | 6 44 |
| State Road | 9 22 | 1 34 | ... | 6 47 |
| Bear | 9 29 | 1 39 | ... | 6 54 |
| Porter's | 9 34 | 1 44 | ... | 6 59 |
| Kirkwood | 9 42 | 1 49 | ... | 7 03 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 9 53 | 1 59 | ... | 7 12 |
| MIDDLETOWN | 10 11 | 2 14