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THE STATE TREASURY.

Comptroller Smith's Financial Report to the Governor—Revenue Sources and Receipts.

The report of the Comptroller of the State Treasury, Marion deK. Smith, to the Governor dated January 10, 1895, showing the operations of the treasury department for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1894 is as follows:

Receipts.

There were received into the treasury from all sources during the fiscal year the sum of $2,606,103,67, and the balance in the treasury on the 30th day of September 1893, the end of the previous fiscal year, was $569,050,50, making the aggregate in the treasury during the fiscal year $3,175,-154,25.

The amount of the receipts into the treasury for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1894, is greater than for the previous fiscal year $72,492,19 notwithstanding the failure of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal Company to pay interest, amounting to $20,000, on the mortgage now held by the State of Maryland against said company.

There has been received during the last fiscal year from interest on deposits of State funds the sum of $5,613,64. In my report to the Generaly Assemby of '94 I stated that the treasurer of the State, in selecting the depositaries for State funds, had designated banks that were paying 2 per cent. interest on State deposits, and that the amount received from that source during the previous fiscal year aggregated $2,-490,11. I further said that I had reason to believe the sum would materially increase in the succeeding fiscal year. It has more than doubled, and the sum received during the last fiscal year from that source is more than sufficient to pay the salaries of the treasury officers.

Disbursements.

The total disbursements during the last fiscal year amounted in the aggregate to the sum of $2,625,079,78. This is greater than the sum of disbursements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1893, by $178,470,43. I need not remind you that this excess is due to the payment of the expenses of the General Assembly of 1894, and special appropriations made by it. It is hardly a fair comparison when made between a year with the General Assembly in session and a year when not in session. If compared with the fiscal year ended September 30, 1892, then you will find the disbursements for the fiscal year are $440,-753,24 less than for 1892. Whatever influence you and the treasury officers had with the General Assembly of 1894 was exerted in behalf of retrenchment in both general and special appropriations, and the result, I hope, will be gratifying to all concerned.

There remained in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year ended September 30, 1894, the sum of $550,074.47.

Estimates.

The probable receipts into the treasury during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1895, are estimated at $2,518,559.90, which, if realized and added to the balance in the treasury at the close of the last fiscal year, would make the total amount in the treasury for the fiscal year 1895 applicable to ordinary purposes the sum of $3,068,634.37. The estimated disbursements during the same period are $2,327,972.16.

Free School and Sinking Funds.

At the close of the fiscal year 1894, there remained to the credit of the free school fund the sum of $5,543.00. This was augmented by the sum of $133,109.13, the last fiscal year on account of said fund, making a total of $138,652.13. The sum of $132,808.-63 was disbursed during same period on account of this fund, leaving a balance to the credit of the fund at the end of the fiscal year of $5,843 50.

The receipts on account of the several sinking funds during the fiscal year were as follows:

General sinking fund	$ 14,077 58
Sinking fund for the defense redemption loan	280,543 84
Sinking fund for the exchange loan of 1889	53,506 50
Total	$348,127 92

The whole of said sum of $348,127.92 was invested on account of the above-named sinking funds. In my last report to the General Assembly I recommended the repeal of that provision of the act of 1888, chapter 533, levying a tax of one and one-half cents on each one hundred dollars to meet the interest and create a sinking fund for the redemption of the treasury relief loan, for the reason that said loan had been redeemed more than two years previous, and I further recommend that the said act be re-enacted so as to transfer the said treasury relief loan tax to the one-fourth of one cent tax for exchange loan of 1886, which was entirely inadequate to pay even the interest on the exchange loan of 1886. The General Assembly adopted the suggestion, and the tax for the interest and the redemption of the exchange loan of 1886 is now one and three-fourths of a cent on each one hundred dollars.

Oyster Fund.

The receipts on account of the oyster fund for the last fiscal year were $44,548.-69, being less than the receipts for the previous fiscal year by $7,611.43. The disbursements for the same period were $56,422.25, being less than the previous year by $34,879.78. Instead of a balance to the credit of this fund at the close of the fiscal year there was a deficit of $4 306.99, which amount has been charged against the receipts of the fund for the current fiscal year.

It must be remembered that the receipts and disbursements, as above set forth were mainly under the operations of the law as it existed prior to the act of 1894. The salient features of latter act were provisions for increased revenues and decreased expenditures, and I feel assured that when the law is in full operation that the expectations of its framers and friends will be realized. I sincerely hope that it may have a fair and full opportunity for trial. A failure means the destruction of an industry that gives employment to 40,000 men and affords a living to 200,000 of our citizens.

Productive and Unproductive Assets.

The productive assets of the State are $3,539,337.39 and the unproductive $8,097,-126 99. By reason of the default of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal Companies to pay interest on the mortgage held by the State against these companies since July 1, 1893, I have been compelled to transfer the amount of said mortgage ($1,000,000) from the column of productive to the unproductive assets, but, as hereinfore stated, legal proceedings have been instituted by the Attorney-General to recover from the canal companies the amount of the State's holdings. The board of public works have not as yet deemed it wise to dispose of any of the assets of the State as authorized by the act of 1892, chapter 300. Offers have been made by the board to banks and persons interested to exchange bank and other stocks for state bonds at fair market values. For, unless the proceeds could be readily invested in redeeming our State debt, no possible advantage could accrue to the State in the disposal of the value securities of fluctuating market value.

State Debt.

The total indebtedness of the State at the close of the fiscal year 1894 was $8,-684,986.24. The productive assets of the State and the investments to the credit of the sinking funds aggregate the sum of $5,303,233 11. This, when deducted from the gross debt, will leave a net debt of $3,381,753,13. This net debt is greater than that shown in my last report by reason of the default of the Susquehanna and tidewater Canal Companies in paying the interest on the mortgage of $1,000,000 held by the State, thus forcing this large asset into the unproductive list.

Assessment of Property.

The assessment of the real and personal property in the several counties and city of Baltimore for the fiscal year 1894, aggregating $529,138,103, is greater than 1893 by $5,081,862. There has been a gradual and gratifying increase in the assessable basis of the State, as will appear from the following statement of assessments for the last six years:

1889	$477,398 380
1890	482,184,824
1891	510,993,077
1892	515 137,528
1893	524 056 241
1894	529,138,103

The levy for State taxes for 1894 on the real and personal property at 17½ cents on each $100 amounted to $939,220.08.

Public School Tax.

The levy of the public school tax for the fiscal year 1894 amounted in the aggregate to $555,594.98, which, of course, will be decreased when the abatements in the form of insolvencies, erroneous assessments, &c., are allowed. The receipts for the fiscal year 1894 amounted to $616,529 12, being greater by $25,453 23 than that of the previous year. The disbursements of the school tax for the fiscal year 1894 were $600,294.57, being $1,204.74 in excess of the previous year.

License and Other Receipts.

The receipts from clerks of courts and other officers amounted to $898,443.06, an increase of only $119.15 over the previous year

From registers of wills there was received the sum of 119,723.98, being $6,540.-31 less than was received the previous year.

From collectors of State taxes in the several counties and the city of Baltimore there was received $875,158.89, being less than for the previous year by $17,151 27.

From railroads and other corporations there was received as a tax on their gross receipts for the fiscal year 1894 the sum of $136,266.30, an excess of $13,240 66 over the previous fiscal year.

The receipts from the tax on the shares of the capital stock of incorporated institutions was $86,215.88, being less than for the previous year by $20,886.55. This loss is more than accounted for in receipts from franchise tax upon deposits in savings banks.

State Tobacco Inspections.

The receipts into the treasury from licenses and tax upon premiums paid by insurance companies, as returned by the insurance commissioner, amounted to $121,002.90, being an increase of $2,340.03 over the receipts from the same source for the preceding fiscal year.

The receipts from franchise tax upon the deposits in savings banks and institutions amounted to $25,554.90.

WASHINGTON'S DIARY.

His Trip Across the Eastern Shore to Rock Hall, Etc.

For the information and entertainment of our readers we make the following extracts from the diary of General George Washington, with explanatory notes, as taken from a work issued by the Congress of the United States, entitled "Senate Miscellaneous Documents Second Session, Fifty-second Congress. 1892-3, vol. 4," annual report of American Historical Association of 1892. The extracts and notes relate to his travels across the Eastern Shore in going from his home to Philadelphia to attend the First Continental Congress.

Sept. 1 "Breakfasted at Queen Anne, Prince George's county, dined in Annapolis and lodged at Rock Hall."

Sept. 2 Dined at Rock Hall (waiting for my horses) and lodged at New Town on Chester."

Sept. 3. Breakfasted at Down's.—Dined at the Buck Tavern (Carsons) and lodged at New Castle.

The following marginal notes explain the entries of the Diary:

Rock Hall is situated on the left shore of the Chesapeake Bay, between Swan Point and the mouth of Chester River, in Kent county, Md. Owing to a protected cove at a favorable landing point, it was made the upper or northern terminus of the Annapolis Packet Ferry. A fairly good hotel was kept also at the ferry. From here there was a well-traveled road through Chestertown, by the head of Sassafras Creek, to New Castle, in the State of Delaware. The Rock Hall farm, in 1774, was owned by Richard Spencer, who was a grandson of James Spencer, of Spencer Hall, on Eastern Neck Island, Kent county, Md. A part of Rock Hall was sold to James Ringgold, of Huntingfield, in 1779, with the condition that no other ferry should ever be established to trench upon the ground of the existing one. The Rock Hall ferry was maintained up to about 1846, and the old wharves are still visible.

65 New Town, on the Chester, was the original name of the present Chestertown. It is 13 miles from Rock Hall. The main road between the two places is practically on the same site now that it was when traveled by Washington. The town was laid out by authority of an act of Maryland, passed in 1706, and was named in the law "New Town." Its charter was revised in 1780 and the named of Chestertown given to it. The tavern at which Washington and the other delegates who went to the Continental Congress stopped in 1774 is still standing. It occupies the corner of Cannon and Prince streets, is now owned by Charles T. Westcott, and is changed so as to make two private residences. It has undergone some repairs and the external appearances is slightly altered, but not so the interior. The title of the property, in 1774, was in the name of Nathaniel Hynson. It was, at the time, a notably fine hotel with a large ballroom, elaborately panneled, and with a gallery at one end for musicians. Some of the moldings on mantels and castings show traces of fine carving. This is the same house in which tradition says Chas. Wilson Peale, the artist, was born while his father was a teacher in the old free school at Chestertown. The town was at that time a port of entry with a custom house, which is still standing. The merchants of the town conducted a very considerable trade. Private capital aided by the government of Maryland conducted a large armory here during the Revolutionary war.

65 Chester river is a deep, broad, navigable stream, without marshes, making up from the eastern shore out of the Chesapeake Bay in a north-easterly direction nearly to the dividing line between the States of Maryland and Delaware. This river separates and is the boundary between Kent and Queen Anne's counties, and is perhaps at present the most noted breeding grounds of the famous diamond-backed terrapin.

66 A. Mr. Downs was the proprietor of a tavern at Downs' crossroads about 16 miles from Newtown, now Chestertown, on the main road to New Castle, Del., and Philadelphia. It was here the point now known as Galena, near the Sassafras river. The name of Downs is frequently met with in the early records of Kent county. The old residents of Galena have a tradition that Gen. Washington had, on several occasions, patronized a public house in that place when passing.

67 Carson's "Buck Tavern" was probably at a point now the thriving village of Middletown in Delaware, and about 18 miles southwest of New Castle.

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