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Amount of Original Debt	Amount repaid	Amount outstanding at end of financial year: 1922-23	To whom due	Rate of Interest	When incurred and for what purpose	State Provision for Payment of Interest or Sinking Fund, and refer to Enactments by which it is made	Total amount paid into Sinking Fund	Remarks
"Massa Frumentaria"								
[Grain Fund]								
£102,533 14 3 (a)	£23,452 17 6 (b)	£79,080 16 3 (c)	Sundry shareholders	2½ % per annum	On 8th March 1805. By Proclamation of that date an import duty on Wines &c. was re-established for the purpose of paying interest on private capitals invested in the fund known as the "Massa Frumentaria" which in 1793 was appropriated by the French Government then in occupation of these Islands.	Proclamation of the 8th March 1805 referred to in preceding column. By Ordinance No. XIII of 1858 the shares were made transferable by Certificate. The amount transferred is £34,219. 9. 10½ of which £87. 8. 3½ has been forfeited.	—	The interest paid in 1922-23 amounted to £1278. 15. 6.

(a) According to a revision of claims made in 1849.

(b) Bought in by Government since 1849	£21,394	1	8
Otherwise fallen in	1,971	7	2
Amount forfeited	87	8	3½
Loss of fractions	0	0	5

(c) Whereof £ 800 due to the Public Library.