During the same period the expenses of the Constitutional Convention and two extra sessions of the General Assembly, and unusually liberal appropriations to educational and charitable Institutions, were paid. The direct taxes for two of the years were two and a half mills on the dollar, and for the other three years one and a half mills.

When we consider these heavy payments in excess of and beyond the ordinary expenses of the State Government, and remember that the public debts of many of the States of the Union, by reason of the expenses attendant on the late war, have been greatly increased, it is gratifying to know that the bonded debt of this State has been increased and her invested capital diminished but in the sum of \$1,341,695.91.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB'T J. JUMP, Comptroller.