the Comptroller to apportion to said county the instalment known as the March instalment of the State school tax for the year nineteen hundred and four; said instalment being the apportionment made to said Garrett County on the fifteenth day of March in each year.

WHEREAS, An instalment of State school tax amounting to the sum of two thousand one hundred and twelve dollars and State school ninety-nine cents was withheld from Garrett County in the year nineteen hundred and three, and said county not being able to keep open its schools for seven and a half months in the year, as required by the school laws of the State, is by said law required to forfeit the March instalment of said school tax for the year nineteen hundred and three; the said county has been subject to large expense in the erection of school houses, and the fact that the small population is scattered over a large extent of territory, creating a large number of school houses for the number of pupils required to be taught therein; therefore

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to School funds. issue his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State in favor of the Board of County School Commissioners of Garrett County for the sum of two thousand one hundred and twelve dollars and ninety-nine cents; said sum, in addition to the amount to which said county is entitled to receive, to be paid out of the public school funds of the State under existing laws.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to apportion Garrett County its proper proportion of said school tax for the year nineteen hundred and four, known as the March instalment of said school tax, to be made by the Comptroller in pursuance of law, on the fifteenth day of March, in each year, in the same manner as if the schools of Garrett County have been kept open seven and one-half months in the year ending December 31, 1904.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the said Board of School Commissioners shall apply the said sums so received by the rovisions of this Act to the support of the public schools of public schools. said county in the same manner as the other portions of the State school tax received by said county are intended to be applied under the provisions of the existing laws of this State.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 3, 1904.