

and ninety six, of the acts of the assembly of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "an act to authorize the Comptroller of the Treasury to adjust and settle the accounts due by collectors, sheriffs, registers, and other receivers of public moneys, in cases where the indebtedness accrued prior to and including the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Comptroller to
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tle accounts

1. The Comptroller of the Treasury is hereby authorized and empowered to adjust and settle the claims of the State against all collectors, sheriffs, clerks, registers, and other collectors or receivers of public moneys, and their securities, in all cases, where said claims accrued prior to, and including the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and whether said claims be now in the form of judgments or otherwise, and for the purpose of closing all such cases, the Comptroller is hereby fully authorized to compromise the same by abating the interest that has accrued, or any portion thereof, or any part of the principal debt, in his discretion, so as to best subserve the interest of the State, and shall grant discharges to the said parties, and their securities, upon the payment into the Treasury of the amount required by him to be paid in settlement as aforesaid, provided, however, that the Governor and Treasurer for the time being shall each approve in writing of any such abatement before the same shall be effective, and, provided further, that no discharge or acquittance under this act, shall be effective, unless the party or parties to be benefitted by the same, shall first pay the State's attorney, who shall have the case in hand, the legal fees, and all fees of clerks or sheriffs.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

Approved, 13th February, 1874.