

REPORT  
OF THE  
Comptroller of the Treasury  
OF THE  
State of Maryland

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December 18th, 1923.

TO THE HONORABLE,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

Section 9 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland directs the Comptroller to submit annually a statement of the financial affairs of the State, and in accordance therewith I herewith present my report for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1923. In submitting this report, I take occasion to bring before you matters which I believe are worthy of your consideration.

I respectfully bring to your attention the inadequate facilities provided in the Comptroller's office for the safekeeping of valuable and important records of this office, and recommend the construction of a fireproof vault of sufficient size to accommodate them.

As authorized by Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1922, there has been operating from this office a License Inspector. The results of his efforts have been entirely satisfactory, being productive of approximately \$40,000 additional revenue to the State in the fiscal year just ended. I am convinced that this is a step in the right direction. But one inspector is unable to cover the entire State in a thorough manner, and I recommend an amendment to the Act of 1922, that will give us one Chief Inspector and three (3) assistants, believing that the results of this work will produce approximately \$120,000 per annum legitimate revenue to which the State is entitled, but which, through oversight or evasion, is not being collected. The increase in revenue from this source, in our opinion, will be considerably more than is needed to take care of the expenses of administration of both branches of the Treasury Department of the State.