

REPORT  
OF THE  
COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY  
OF THE  
STATE OF MARYLAND

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December 7, 1942.

TO THE HONORABLE  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

It is my pleasure to submit to you, as provided by Section 9 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, this report of the fiscal affairs of the State for the period from October 1, 1941, to September 30, 1942, or what is known as the fiscal year 1942.

The form of the report follows that for the preceding year; in fact, there has been no material change in the form of report during the past several years. I believe we have succeeded in showing a complete picture of the State's financial operations as briefly as possible. It is recommended that you look over the Table of Contents in the front of the report so that you will be able to know what is in the report and where to locate it.

Since my last report to you, that for the year ended September 30, 1940, many things have happened which have had their effect on the State's fiscal and administrative operations. In that report, I called attention to the unexpected increase in the Surplus Account and mentioned the reasons for the increase. Again I find it necessary to report an unexpected increase in the Surplus Account at September 30, 1942. At that date the surplus was \$10,348,597.55, the largest ever at the close of a fiscal year, and an increase of \$3,532,039.41

over the amount estimated at the beginning of the year. This increase is due principally to revenues exceeding estimates, particularly alcoholic beverages taxes, income taxes, and taxes on racing and insurance premiums. There were decreases in the motor vehicle titling tax and the Maryland Estate Tax. Also, the reversions of appropriations exceeded the estimate by \$880,518.95, a large part of which excess was in the budget for welfare.