

37. The comptroller is authorized and empowered to adjust and settle the claims of the State against all collectors, sheriffs, clerks of courts, registers of wills and other collectors or receivers of public money and their sureties, and against corporations and individuals who may be indebted to the State in all cases where said claims accrued prior to and including the year 1910, and whether said claims be in the form of judgment or otherwise; and for the purpose of closing all such cases the comptroller is 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 best to subserve the interest of the State, and shall grant discharge to said parties and their sureties upon the payment into the treasury of the amount required by him to be paid in settlement as aforesaid; the comptroller shall be satisfied after thorough examination into the claims that the same could not be collected by the State by legal process; and further, that the Governor and treasurer for the time being shall each approve in writing any such abatement before the same shall be effective; and provided, further, that no discharge or acquittance under this section shall be effective unless the party or parties to be benefited shall first pay the attorneys who shall have the case in hand the legal fees and fees of clerks and sheriffs.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That anything contained in section 1 of this act shall be deemed or construed to in any manner release or waive any rights which the State of Maryland may have against any persons mentioned in said section 1 or shall be deemed to abate or suspend any pending prosecutions or claims in connection with the matters contained therein.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 575.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money for a repair fund and furnishing fund for the Executive Mansion and grounds.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Comptroller of the State is hereby directed to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State for the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of repairing the Executive Mansion and furnishing the interior thereof, this to include new furniture, wall papering, frescoing, as well as installing new plumbing;