

being shall each approve in writing any such abatement before the same shall be effective and provided further that no discharge or quittance 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.

This section referred to—see notes to art. 15, sec. 1, Md. Constitution. *Schneider v. Yellott*, 124 Md. 98.

See note to sec. 17.

An. Code, sec. 38. 1904, sec. 38. 1888, sec. 38. 1884, ch. 116, sec. 2.

38. For the purpose of bringing all unsettled balances due the State to a speedy settlement, the comptroller is directed to employ such attorney or attorneys as in his judgment will best subserve the interest of the State.

An. Code, sec. 39. 1904, sec. 39. 1888, sec. 39. 1884, ch. 116, sec. 3.

39. In all cases where the comptroller shall require the services of an attorney or attorneys to assist him in executing section 37 of this article, he may allow such attorney or attorneys, as compensation, a commission of ten per cent. on any State claim such attorney or attorneys may collect or assist him in collecting, where the amount of such claim does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, and a commission of five per cent. on all sums which such attorney or attorneys may collect or assist in collecting as aforesaid, where the claim exceeds the sum of five hundred dollars.

An. Code, sec. 40. 1904, sec. 40. 1888, sec. 40. 1884, ch. 116, sec. 4.

40. Whenever any claim of the State shall be compromised or settled by the comptroller, without payment in full, he shall make and keep among the records of his office a statement of the evidence or facts upon which such settlement was made.

Supervision of Expenditures of Corporations Receiving Appropriations from the State.

An. Code, sec. 41. 1904, sec. 41. 1900, ch. 239, secs. 1 and 2.

41. All associations or incorporated institutions maintained for industrial, educational, medical, humane, military or charitable purposes, securing any appropriation from the State treasury under the provisions of an act of the general assembly, shall on or before the first day of February after said appropriation or any part thereof shall have been received, and annually thereafter, as long as said association or incorporation shall continue a beneficiary of the State, file with the comptroller a full and accurate account, giving, as far as the said comptroller may consider practicable, an itemized statement of how the said amount so received from the State has been expended; said account to be sworn to by the president, vice-president or treasurer of said association or institution or commanding officer of such military organization. All appropriations made by the legislature to any of such associations or institutions, if not so