

20. Upon demand being made upon the comptroller by any person or corporate body, having a claim against the state, due to him in his own right, if such person or corporation is indebted to the state, as shown by the books of the treasurer, or in any manner ascertained to an amount less than the sum so due and claimed, the comptroller shall deduct the sum so due the state from the amount demanded, and give a warrant on the treasurer for the difference only; and if the amount due to the state shall be equal to, or exceed the sum so demanded, the said comptroller shall refuse to issue any warrant to the claimant.

When and how  
to pay claims

In force from March 6, 1862.

1862, c. 120 adds the following section, to follow section 24 of this article .

25. He shall cause to be printed in the forms heretofore used and sanctioned by law, blank protests, of bills of exchange and promissory notes, and stamp the same with the same stamp used by him on all licenses issued from his office, and shall take receipts from the several notaries public for all such stamped protests at any time delivered to them.

1862, c. 120.  
To stamp pro-  
tests.

In force from April 1, 1862.

1862, c. 141 adds the following section :

27. The comptroller is hereby authorized to employ in his office an additional clerk, at a salary not exceeding one hundred dollars a month, for such time, not exceeding one year from the date of his employment, as the said comptroller shall deem necessary for the public interest.

1862, c. 141.  
Additional  
clerk.

In force from February 7, 1862.