

on or before the first day in June in each year, to the Commissioner of the Land Office ; and it shall be the duty of the judges of the Circuit Court for the counties and the judge of the Superior Court of Baltimore City to enforce this section by such fines and penalties as they may provide, and any failure to comply with the requirements of sections 54 and 55 by any of said clerks shall be a contempt of court.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPTROLLER.

37. Authorized to settle claims of the State against certain public officials which accrued prior to 1st January, 1899. Proviso. Approval of Governor and Treasurer necessary.

Supervision of Expenditures of Corporations Receiving Appropriations from the State.

41. Charitable and other corpora-

tions receiving State appropriations shall annually file with the Comptroller itemized statement, showing how such appropriations have been spent. Comptroller to examine their financial condition.

42. No part of appropriation to be applied to purchase of land or erection of buildings.

1900, ch. 556.

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 moneys and their securities, 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 1898, 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 to best subserve the interest of the State, and shall grant discharges to the said parties and their securities, upon the payment into the treasury of the amount required by him to be paid in the settle-