

ment as aforesaid; provided the Comptroller shall be satisfied, after thorough examinations into the claims, that the same could not be collected for 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 attorney who shall have the case in hand, the legal fees, and all fees of clerks and sheriffs.

Supervision of Expenditures of Corporations Receiving Appropriations from the State.

1900, ch. 239.

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 provided in the act making such appropriation, shall be payable one-half in the first fiscal year wherein said appropriation is made and one half in the next fiscal year, and the Comptroller is hereby instructed not to draw his warrant for any payment until such an account of the expenditures, to the full satisfaction of the said Comptroller, shall have been filed; provided, the said institution shall have received an appropriation prior to the enactment of this section, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized, in his discretion, for the purpose of informing himself of the expenditures of said institutions, to cause an examination of their financial affairs and management to be made.