

to adjust and settle the claims of the State against all collectors, sheriffs, clerks of courts and registers of wills, and other collectors or receivers of public monies, and their securities, in all cases where said claims occurred prior to and including the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and whether said claims be now in the form of judgments or otherwise, and for the purpose of closing all such cases, the Comptroller is hereby 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 settlement as aforesaid; provided, however, that the Governor and Treasurer for the time being shall each approve in writing of any such abatement before the same shall be effective, and provided further, that no discharge or acquittance under this act shall be effective unless the party or parties to be benefitted by the same shall first pay the State's Attorney who shall have the case in hand, the legal fees and all fees of clerks or sheriffs.

The year 1875

Comptroller authorized to compromise.

The interest of the State.

Governor and Treasurer shall each approve

Shall first pay fees.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

Approved March 20, 1878.

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CHAPTER 103.

AN ACT to facilitate the examination of titles of land in Harford county by authorizing the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford county to make out a general index to the law and equity dockets in his office, and to provide for the paying for the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court