

The direct State taxes are exceedingly light, and it could scarcely be hoped to reduce the rate further without repudating our obligations to the creditors of the State or to the children of the State in failing to provide them proper opportunities to acquire public school educations.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONTINGENT FUND.

As required by law, I herewith beg to submit a statement of my contingent fund account for the past two fiscal years, ending September 30, 1902.

Balance, Sept. 30, 1901.....	\$ 6,781 52	
Annual appropriation.....	11,800 00	
Appropriation under Chapter 259, 1896	2,000 00	
Refund of expenses in extradition case, paid by parties interested	40 15	
Refund from John Flood, over- paid ice bill.....	5 00	
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Forward.....		\$20,576 67
Brought forward.....		\$20,576 67
Expended:		
Salaries.....	\$ 5,610 51	
Extradition.....	846 19	
Office Supplies.....	926 19	
Telegraph and Telephone.....	432 77	
Express.....	101 28	
Advertising.....	1,031 20	
Miscellaneous.....	1,596 89	
Examining Accounts.....	128 75	
Uniforms for employees.....	148 50	
Repairs.....	398 23	
Printing.....	256 00	
Governor's Expenses.....	1,003 96	
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		\$12,480 47
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Balance September 30, 1902.....		\$ 8,096 20