

Apportionment to Free Public Schools, (white,)

March, 15th, 1878..... 100,000.00

I respectfully submit, that "the cause or causes" of this reduction, will be made apparent by the following statement :

Total balance of Public School Tax, September 30th, 1877, as shown by report of late Comptroller, statement L..... \$306,850 67

Of this sum there was apportioned to white and colored schools, October 1st, 1877, as can be seen by same statement..... 144,617 00

Balance carried forward to next apportionment, January 1st, 1878..... 162,233 67

Receipts into the Treasury on account of Public School Tax, from October 1st, 1877, to January 1st, 1878..... 48,414 82

The two added amount to..... 210,648 49

Apportioned to white and colored schools, and for expenses of State Board of Education, January 1st, 1878..... 144,850 99

Balance carried forward to next apportionment, 65,797 50

Balance brought forward from January 1st, 1878..... 65,797 50

Receipts into the Treasury from January 1st, 1878, to March 15th, 1878, on account of Public School Tax..... 91,103 14

The two sums added, amount to..... 156,900 64

Apportioned to white and colored schools and expenses of State Board of Education, March 15th, 1878..... 127,875 00

Bal. carried forward to next June distribution... \$29,025 64

It will be seen by this statement that the balance carried forward in the March apportionment is a much larger "reduction" of the two previous *balances* than has been made of the two previous *apportionments*. The law recently passed by the present General Assembly, and which went into effect on the day upon which the March apportionment was made, and under which it was made, directs the Comptroller to make the several quarterly apportionments as nearly equal as practicable. I find, upon an examination of the receipts on account of the Public School Tax for previous years, as