

far back as the year 1870, that they almost invariably fall off in April, May and June, these being the months in which credits are generally claimed and allowed on account of taxes levied upon insolvents, non residents &c. With this information before me, I could not do otherwise than retain the "large," nevertheless considerably diminished balance on hand of \$29,025,64 and carry it forward in order to make the June apportionment as nearly equal as possible with the previous, apportionments of the year, as required by law.

The above showing, it is respectfully submitted, does not require any further statement of "the cause or causes of the large reduction of the March distribution to the Free Schools of the State," or any further setting forth of "what arrangement has been made, if any, for the payment of the sum of \$306,850.67 belonging to said schools, but withheld (as alleged) last year as per report of the ex-Comptroller."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. KEATING,
Comptroller.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Hon. R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered a communication from the Executive, endorsed "Executive Business."

Mr. Combs, of Allegany, from a Select Committee, reported favorably the following bills:

House bill entitled an Act to add certain new sections to the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled "Allegany County," sub-title "Flour," and to come after Section 71.

House bill entitled an Act to repeal Sections 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198 and 199, of Article 1, of the supplement of 1870, of the Code of Public Local Laws under the head of Allegany County, relating to birds, and to re-enact the same to read as follows,

House bill entitled an Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Allegany county to correct the assessment made under Chapter 260, of the laws of Maryland of 1876, on the shares of stock of the Cumberland Cast Steel Manufacturing Company.

Which were read the second time.

Mr. Humphreys, from a Select Committee, reported favorably,