CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT for the relief of certain parties indebted to the State for sums due prior to the first day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty, and certain parties against whom suits have been instituted under the directions of the Comptroller, in pursuance of Resolution number twenty of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the session of eighteen hundred and sixty-one and eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the State was required and directed by Resolution number twenty, of the General Assembly, passed at the session of eighteen hundred and sixty-one and eighteen hundred and sixty-two, thirty days after the passage of the said resolution, to cause suits to be instituted against all parties indebted to the State therein named; *and whereas,* many of said claims are of long standing, and it is desirable to secure the speedy settlement of said indebtedness to the State, and the State to secure the prompt payment of the principal, is willing to release the interest :

Released from paying interest.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all Clerks, Registers of Wills, Notaries Public, Auctioneers, Foreign Insurance Agents, Collectors of Taxes and Sheriffs, indebted to the State for sums due prior to the first day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty, and the sureties upon their official bonds, be and they are hereby released from the payment of the interest now due on the State's claims against them; *pro-*

Provisos.

vided, that the amounts due for the principal of the said claims have been paid or shall be paid into the treasury on or before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-five; *and provided further,* that the aforesaid parties respectively, or their sureties, shall pay on or before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, to the State's Attorneys of the several counties and the city of Baltimore, five per centum commission on the full amount of the judgments with interest thereon, recovered by the State against