

CHAPTER 56.

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AN ACT to prescribe the duties of the Comptroller.

Passed March 20, 1852.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the Comptroller, within ten days after the first Wednesday in January, in each and every year, to make to the Legislature, if in session, or to the Governor if the Legislature be not in session, a report exhibiting a complete statement of the funds and revenues of the State, and of the public expenditures during the fiscal year ending on the first day of December preceding, or on such other day as may hereafter be prescribed by law, specifying the amounts derivable and received from each source of revenue, and the purpose for which each expenditure was made, and showing the names, residence and official character of the persons from whom any arrearage may be due, with the amount so due from each defaulter.

To report annually to Governor or Legislature.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That with each annual report as aforesaid, the Comptroller shall return an estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the current year, distinguishing the permanent and regular expenses of the government, for which appropriations have been made, from those charges for which appropriations are required to be made by law.

To return an estimate of receipts and expenditures of current year

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the Comptroller shall keep and preserve in his office, in suitable books to be procured at the expense of the State, full and accurate accounts of the annual revenues and expenditures of every class and description, under the proper heads thereof, as heretofore kept in the office of the treasurer, according to such forms as under the provisions of the constitution he may prescribe, and he shall also keep fair and accurate records of all public accounts adjusted by him, or returnable to or kept in his office, and shall keep safely all vouchers and copies of all letters written by or to him, in the performance of his official duties, and a record of his official proceedings, which books and papers shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Governor and the members of the Legislature, and to enable the said Comptroller to perform all the duties required of him by the Constitution and this act, he is hereby authorized and required to obtain from all public officers, and all bodies politic and corporate, who have heretofore made their reports and returns to the Governor or Treasurer, full reports from time to time, concerning the revenues or taxes of this State,

Accurate accounts to be kept, &c.