

of the funds entrusted to them. A statement thereof is prepared and embraced in the appendix to this Report. I would ask that some effectual legislation be had to enforce the correction of these errors, and to compel the authorities of the City of Baltimore and the Commissioners of the several Counties to make report generally under oath of their proceedings in disbursement of these bounties, shewing to whom, when and in what manner they have been paid. The labors connected with this branch of the duties of this office, have been onerous, and such as justifies the employment of an additional clerk, which I respectfully recommend.

I would also advise the appointment of a special agent for the payment of all unpaid bounties, who shall give bond, return all properly certified rolls, and make quarterly statements under oath to this Department. This would ensure the prompt receipt by the volunteer of his money, and relieve this Department of many oft-repeated and vexatious enquiries, as to matters over which they have no control.

The collection of the taxes due from institutions for manufacturing and mining purposes, has been accompanied with much difficulty. This arises from want of accurate information as to the amount of their capital, date of incorporation and places of business, enabling many of them to evade the payment of their just dues to the State. The clerks of the cities and counties of the State, should be required, under a penalty, to make and transmit to this Department annually a detailed list or statement under oath of all such institutions as have been incorporated under the 40th section of Article 26th of the Code of Public General Laws.

During my short official career, a number of old cases of indebtedness, accumulating from year to year, have been settled. I have caused to be brought up to the close of the fiscal year, on a docket, copies of the court entries in all suits that have been instituted by the State, affording a ready mode of ascertaining the condition of each particular one. Many of them, I find to be hopelessly insolvent, both principal and sureties being dead, and their estates closed up, excluding all hope of recovery by the State. Some disposition should be made of such claims, of which a list will be furnished at your request by my successor.

I have this day surrendered this office for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of another, to which I have been recently elected; and while acknowledging the pleasant and agreeable character of my official intercourse with all the Departments of the State; I have the gratification to know that I leave the Treasury Department in a prosperous condition, and that the affairs of this office are to be transferred into the hands of a worthy and competent successor.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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