

I suggest that the Comptroller be empowered to correct these difficulties promptly, or that the Legislature provide some mode for the correction of these evils.

By Resolution No. 20, of the Session of 1862, the Comptroller was required to bring suit against all persons indebted to the State. The labor of making up the accounts (many of which were surrounded with difficulty) caused some months to elapse before these accounts were prepared for suit. This delay was inevitable, in view of the large amount of current business then pressing constantly upon Comptroller and Clerks. These accounts, however, were placed in the hands of State's Attorneys, very generally, in time for the autumn and winter Courts of 1862, and instructions forwarded in almost every case, to proceed at once with the suits; and in cases where judgments had been obtained, on suits hitherto brought, the State's Attorneys were requested to have executions issued at once, and such claims pressed to speedy settlement. I regret to say that the instructions of the Comptroller in these particulars, have in many instances been disregarded, and hence the continuation in the several Tables of this Report, of so large a number of persons still standing indebted to the State.

The Comptroller is responsible that means be provided to meet the demands upon the Treasury, and that he may not fail in this important duty, there is needed some legislation upon this subject in addition to that already provided.

I call the attention of the Legislature to the suggestions made in my Report of 1862, pages ix, x and xi in regard to the unclaimed portions of the appropriations made by the Act of 1860, Chapter 303, to works of Internal Improvement upon the Eastern Shore. The circumstances in relation to such appropriations, continue much the same as then set forth.

The nett receipts from Tobacco Inspections for the last Fiscal year, as per Table No. 8, are about the same as those of the preceding year. There would no doubt, have been a material increase of revenue from this source, but for the interruption of Rail Road communication, during the year, with the West.