

which the State is a party, or has an interest, immediately to notify the Governor thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

Treasury Department.

Sec. 1. There shall be a Treasury Department, consisting of a *Comptroller*, chosen by the qualified electors of the State at each election of members of the House of Delegates, who shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; and of a *Treasurer*, to be appointed by the two houses of the Legislature at each session thereof, on joint ballot, who shall also receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; and neither of the said officers shall be allowed or receive any fees, commissions or perquisites of any kind, in addition to his salary, for the performance of any duty or service whatever. In case of a vacancy in either of the offices by death or otherwise, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall fill such vacancy by appointment, to continue until another election by the people, or a choice by the legislature, as the case may be, and the qualification of the successor. The Comptroller and the Treasurer shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and shall take such oath, and enter into such bonds, for the faithful discharge of their duties, as the legislature shall prescribe.

Sec. 2. The Comptroller shall have the general superintendence of the fiscal affairs of the State; he shall digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue, and for the support of the public credit; prepare and report estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the State; superintend and enforce the collection of all taxes and revenue; adjust, settle and preserve all public accounts; decide on the forms of keeping and stating accounts; grant, under regulations prescribed by law, all warrants for moneys to be paid out of the treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by law; prescribe the formalities of the transfer of stock or other evidences of the State debt, and countersign the same, without which such evidences shall not be valid; he shall make full reports of all his proceedings, and of the state of the Treasury Department, within ten days after the commencement of each session of the legislature, and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by law.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall receive and keep the moneys of the State, and disburse the same upon warrants drawn by the Comptroller, and not otherwise; he shall take receipts for all moneys paid by him, and all receipts for moneys received by him shall be endorsed upon warrant signed by the Comptroller, without which warrants, so signed, no acknowledgment

of money received into the Treasury shall be valid; and upon warrants issued by the Comptroller, he shall make arrangements for the payment of the interest of the public debt, and for the purchase thereof, on account of the sinking fund. Every bond, certificate, or other evidence of the debt of the State, shall be signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Comptroller, and no new certificate, or other evidence intended to replace another, shall be issued until the old one shall be delivered to the Treasurer, and authority executed in due form for the transfer of the same, shall be filed in his office, and the transfer accordingly made on the books thereof, and the certificate or other evidence canceled; but the legislature may make provision for the loss of certificates or other evidence of the debt.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall render his accounts quarterly to the Comptroller; and on the third day of each session of the legislature, he shall submit to the Senate and House of Delegates, fair and accurate copies of all accounts by him from time to time rendered and settled with the Comptroller. He shall at all times submit to the Comptroller, the inspection of the moneys in his hands, and perform all other duties that shall be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE VII.

Sundry Officers.

Sec. 1. At the first general election of delegates to the General Assembly, after the adoption of this Constitution, four commissioners shall be elected as hereinafter provided, who shall be styled "Commissioners of Public Works;" and who shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision of all public works, in which the State may be interested as stockholder or creditor, and shall represent the State in all meetings of the stockholders, and shall appoint the Directors in every Railroad or Canal company in which the State has the constitutional power to appoint Directors. It shall also be the duty of the Commissioners of Public Works to review, from time to time, the rate of tolls adopted by any company; use all legal powers which they may possess, to obtain the establishment of rates of tolls, which may prevent an injurious competition with each other, to the detriment of the interests of the State; and so to adjust them as to promote the agriculture of the State. It shall also be the duty of the said Commissioners of Public Works, to keep a journal of their proceedings; and at each regular session of the Legislature to make to it a report, and to recommend such legislation as they shall deem necessary and requisite to promote or protect the interest of the State in the public works, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law. They shall each