

ing office in this State at the close of the fiscal year, was trifling and inconsiderable. Instituted suits for the collection of over due taxes in the hands of former collectors and receivers of public moneys, whereby the receipts were raised above the average in a season of business depression and stagnation.

Met all the current expenses of the government promptly, and on the 30th day of September 1884, when the books were closed, the Treasury still contained money for the use of the State amounting to.....\$837,088.39

With this balance and the Sinking Funds applicable to the same, the Treasury Officers propose to pay off the Mayland Hospital Loan of 1872 ,amounting to.....\$330,000.00

And also in like manner to call in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum Loan of 1870, amounting to.....\$100,000.00

Making a reduction in the debt of the State since the 30th day of September 1883, amounting to.....\$733,888.44

And there will yet remain a sufficient balance with which we propose not only to make good the Special Sinking Funds for the Fiscal year just closed, but also to repair and make whole all the Special Sinking Funds for the several existing Loans from the date of their issue down to the present time.

We believe this to be a very excellent showing, and one which we hope will satisfy the most exacting tax-payer that all that could be done, so far as this Department is concerned, has been done to lessen his burdens.

This, we feel, is all he asks, for it matters but little so far as he is concerned, what theory this Department may have for the raising of revenue, or the liquidation of the debt of the State, if that theory does not produce results